



POWERFUL evidence that "mad cow" disease has passed to people through contaminated beef has been produced by a new biochemical test, scientists announced yesterday. The test shows that the new variant of Creutzfeld-Jakob Disease which has been diag-nosed in 14 people is quite

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of the disease - but virtually idenocal to BSE. While not formal proof that eating beef gave the victims the disease, the scientist who led the research said: "All lines of evidence converge on this conclusion".

different from other versions

Professor John Collinge, whose team made the discov-ery, added: "I think we should take it very seriously. We cannot predict how many future there may be. We need to start talking very seriously about developing therapeutic drugs in case the worst-case scenario arises."

The test developed by Pro-fessor Collinge and his team from Imperial College and St i in London is the first to identify a molecular "marker" for the new strain of CJD and it may ultimately make it possible to diagnose the condition from blood samples. At the moment, CJD can be formally diagnosed only



Collinge: "we should take it very seriously"

alopathies, which cause the victim to become unsteady

and confused. The new research is unlikely to force any change in government policy, however, since that has been based on the assumption of a link between infected beef and the new variant CJD. The Department of Health said: "This is the

first time that we have had experimental evidence to sup-

pected. Ever since March 20, the safeguards which have been put in place have assumed a worst-case scenario. It does not seem to me that there is anything more that needs to be done."

PLUS: Redmond O'Hanlon:

Professor Collinge and his team started work on developing the new test after a number of CJD padents were found to have unusual symptoms. CJD usually affects older people, but these patients were younger and scientists concluded that they had probably contracted the disease from infected beef. Until now, though, it had not been possible to prove that they were suffering from a distinct strain of CJD. Professor Collinge's team has discovered that not only was their variant quite different from other versions of CJD, but it was in effect

transmitted to mice, cats and macaque monkeys. The test will now be used to investigate whether other species, most especially sheep, have caught it. There are lears

identical to BSE - and to BSE



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Chelsea stand to be named in honour of Harding

BY JOANNA BALE, JASON NISSE, ANDREW PIERCE AND KATHRYN KNIGHT

name its new north stand in honour of Matthew Harding. its multi-millionaire vicechairman who was killed in a helicopter crash late on Tuesday night.

CHELSEA football club is to

Mr Harding, 42, was one of five men who died when the aircraft crashed into a field at Middlewich. Cheshire, as they travelled back to London after seeing Chelsea lose away to Bolton 2-1. Investigators were last night still trying to establish why the Eurocopter Twin Squirrel helicopter ploughed into trees and burst into flames on impact at 11 pm. leaving no survivors. Mr Harding, who is credit-

ed with having rejuvenated Chelsea with huge injections of cash from his £120 million personal fortune, had been in the process of negotiating with investors, including George Soros, the billionaire trader, to secure an ESO million deal to take the club into the next century.

He had also recently pledged a £1 million donacion to the Labour Party, of which it is believed to have received about £600,000. The rest had been due in time for the general election campaign.

landing after suffering an engine failure as he flew at around 2,000ft in clear skies towards Heathrow, Residents reported hearing the helicopter, the same one used to ferry Tony Blair from this month's Labour conference in Blackpool, apparently having engine problems. In recent years. Mr Har-ding shared his private life

between his estranged wife Ruth and their four children -Hannah, 18, Luke, 15, and 12year-old twins Patrick and Joel - and his Ecuadorian mistress Vicky Jaramillo, 17 years his junior, and their two-yearold daughter Ella.

The worlds of football, finance and politics were joined in mourning. Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, paid Iribute 10 Mr Harding - a man he had often been at odds with, but had come to love and respect

He said: "Matthew was a catalyst to the rebuilding of Stamford Bridge, and it is the unanimous decision of the board that the new North Stand should be named after him as a tribute for what he did for the club."

Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea player-manager, said: "He was more like a supporter than a director, i knew him the only for a short time, but I will always remember him for his ese laughter and his happiness after a game." John Major, an ardeni Chelsea supporter, said: "Chelsea was his passion and he did a huge amount to help the club n he loved." Mr Blair said: "He for was so full of life and vigour oi, and someone deeply committed to his country."

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after death. It will also help scientists to determine whether sheep thought to have scrapie might actually have been infected with BSE and pose a threat to public health. BSE, CJD and scrapie all belong to the same family of fatal brain diseases known as spongiform enceph-

rt our view that there may be a link between BSE in cattle and the new strain of CJD. The evidence is not totally conclusive, but it is persuasive." The findings are likely to

increase European pressure on the Government to accelerate the cull of British cows, but farmers insisted that the new evidence did not make British beef any less safe to eat. Sir David Naish, president of the National Farmers' Union. said: "This will cause concern, but the findings merely confirm what was already sus-

BY PHILIP WEBSTER

POLITICAL EDITOR

Although ministers had in-

offenders.

that sheep may be carrying BSE after being fed food contaminated with infected material from cows. If so, they could pose just as great a threat to human health as beef. Professor Collinge said that it might also be prudent to test pigs, although there was no evidence that they were affected by this type of disease. The test developed by Professor Collinge - who has published his findings in the Continued on page 2, col 5 Farmers rally, page 2

Matthew Harding, described as being "more like a supporter than a director"

The others who died were the pilot. Michael Goss, 35, of Salisbury, Wiltshire and three Mr Harding's friends: of Raymond Deane, 43, of Camberley, Surrey; John Bauldie, 47, a journalist for Q magazine of Richmond, Surrey, and Tony Burridge of Wimbledon, southwest London. Mr Burridge was a director of Benfield Ellinger, a subsidiary of Mr Harding's insurance company, Benfield Group. One theory being explored by air crash investigators is

trying to make an emergency

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Times reporter killed in crash

Major's crime U-turn stuns Commons

KATE ALDERSON. The Times reporter for northwest England, was killed in a car accident yesterday. Miss Alderson, 28, was on her way to cover the Cheshire helicopter crash when she was inthrough measures to tackle volved in a collision with another car.

John Bryant, deputy editor of The Times, said : "Kate Alderson was an excellent young journalist. Her death has come as a tremendous shock to all her colleagues."

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Indian summer

Southerly winds pushed temperatures above 70 degrees in southeast England, five de-

a conflict given added empha-sis by the call this week by Frances Lawrence - widow of the murdered headmaster JOHN MAJOR stunned the Philip Lawrence - for a Commons yesterday by announcing that the Govern-ment would, after all, pilot nacional crusade against the break-up of society.

Four hours after the Queen stalkers and child-sex had outlined the final preelection parliamentary programme containing 13 Bills, Mr Major had, at a stroke, insisted as late as yesterday creased it to 15. The move lunchtime that the issues were prompted accusations that he best dealt with by private had carried out the fastest Umember's legislation, the turn in political history -- and Prime Minister seized on an overruled Michael Howard, offer by Tony Blair to assist his Home Secretary.

their speedy passage. His unexpected change of Among the session's proheart came as party leaders sed legislation are Bills on: opened the last session of Education - to extend selection in schools and give Parliament before the election with an open battle for the moral high-ground in politics. teachers new disciplinary powers

Crime (sentences) - minimuni sentences for repeat burglars and drug dealers; automatic life terms for twiceconvicted serious violent offenders

DFirearms - to ban all handguns above .22 calibre D Primary Health Care - to let GPs set up surgeries in supermarkets Social Security Fraud - 10

impose fixed-term penalties The U-turn, clearly designed to defuse a row that Mr Major felt could unnecessarily damage the Government, was executed even as Mr Blair delivered his speech. The Lab-our leader had challenged Mr Major to bring forward Bills on stalking and the setting up of a register of sex offenders,

saying we will co-operate to .

put them through this House without any delay". After that pledge Mr Major

could be seen holding urgent consultations with Mr Howdisarray. ard, Tony Newton, the Commons' leader, Alastair Goodlad. the Chief Whip, and Michael Heseltine, his deputy. According to government sources he told Mr Newton: "If that is a cast-iron guaran-tee, then we will do it." Then, speaking after Mr Blair, he announced that he was accepting the "unequivocal" offer of support from Mr Blair. He said: "I accept that. I accept that deal."

It was an extraordinary Commons scene. Mr Blair said he was delighted, adding: "It shows the country what we can achieve in opposition."

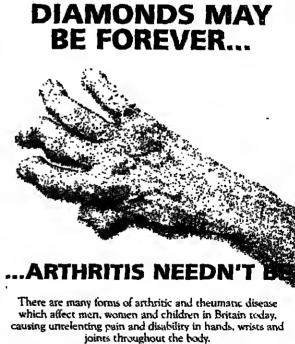
Donald Dewar, the Labour Chief Whip, said it was a welcome retreat but showed the Government in complete

However, ministers and government business managers insisted Mr Major had scored a victory by extracting from Mr Blair a categorical statement on the House floor that Labour would give the Bills the fastest possible pas-sage. They said the intention had always been to keep them separate from the main Crime Bill announced yesterday so they could concentrate public attention on Labour's alleged Continued on page 2, col 7

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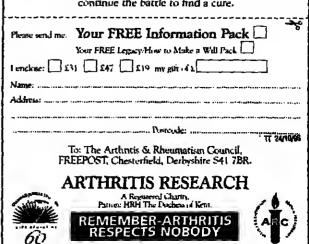
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The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research celebrates its Diamond Jubilee in 1996 and is the only major UK chariry financing medical research into osteoarthritis and rheumatic diseases at most university hospitals and medical schools in the UK.

There is real hope that with continued research these destructive diseases can be beaten. With your help we can continue the battle to find a cure.



The Queen is intrigued about a lady's toe too many Austria Sch. 40: Bejourn B Frs. 60. Canada 53.50: Canarles Pes. 325: Cyprus CE1.20: Denmark Dikr 18.00: Finland Frik. 17.00: France F 14.00: Germany OM 4.50: Cibrailar 90p: Greece Or Solt, Neitherlands F1 4.50: 'laby L 4.500: Lucembourg Lf 60: Wadets Sci Sci Meinhourg Lf 60: BY EMMA WILKINS AND ALAN HAMILTON THE Queen was said to be her hand resting on one foot. intrigued yesterday by the discovery that a 17th-century Extra toes and fingers were OU. Portugal considered by Tudor society as Ø a mark of ill-fortune: Anne painting in her collection Boleyn, who had six fingers on her right hand, was widely QUEEN . shows a lady in a state of undress with six toes on her Prosted right foot. The 1663 painting by Jan Steen is on loan to the believed to be a witch. MAS W The Times on the Internet The painting was in Buck-EXTRA! http://www.the-times.co.uk ingham Palace until 1991 when it was shown in the National Gallery, London. TOE Rijksmusuem in Amsterdam where a sharp-eyed Dutch reporter noticed the extra dig-it. "We had no idea about the Last year it was displayed across America as part of the travelling Jan Steen exhibition extra toe. This is very intriguing," a royal aide said. The picture shows an unwhich now takes it to Amsterdam. But English and Ameri-"I gather John Bryan's can gallery-goers failed to trying to buy it" named lady of the Elizabethan age at her morning toilet with notice the extra toe. A detail from Steen's Woman at her Toilet TV & RADIO 46, 47 CHESS & BRIDGE......45 OBITUARIES 23 WEATHER 24



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Hats off to the end of a tarnished era that some will recall as golden was ragged, sour and insub-

Comons yesterday for the State Opening. HLG. Wells, writing 85 years ago, caught the spirit of the occasion: "A memory hangs about me of the House in the early afternoon, an inhumane desolation inhabited almost entirely by silk hats."

The hats have changed, but the desolation yesterday seemed, if anything, more intense.

Silk was no longer the order of the day, except for Bernie Grant. Returning to his roots.

Ps assembled at the the Labour MP for Tottenham royal blue, Marion Roe (C) Comons yesterday swept into the Chamber was crowned by a big black swathed in yards of pale blue silk, robed about him in the style of a West African chief, plus a blue silk hat. Beside him, the Commons chaplain, who had turned up for prayers in a modest little outfit of crimson and gold,

hat pierced at the front by two of archers.

looked positively dowdy. He didn't even have a hat Elizabeth Peacock did. The Conservative MP for Batley & Spen wore, above a scarlet

suit, a bowler-like creation swathed in what appeared to be black mosquito-netting. In

enormous crossed arrows our first fear being that, en route from her constituency of Broxbourne, Mrs Roe had been ambushed by a company fl was melancholy to watch them. Perhaps this was the

last State Opening of an era. For Peter Shore (Lab. Bethnal Green & Stepney) it undoubtedly was: the brave and independent-minded former Cabinet Minister is not standing again. His lonely stand on MATTHEW PARRIS POLIT

defence was immensely co troversial within Labour, b fore a modernised party adopted it as their own.

Unrobed, unthanked and without a hat, Mr Shore arrived- early yesterday. watching the younger pups with mild and detached gaze. Opposite him, Douglas Hurd, also departing, seemed alone; not long ago colleagues and

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be-	whips would have been tug- ging his sleeve for a word on this or that, and every journal-	

ist's eye would have been upon him. How suddenly do fires which seemed to blaze steadily for years, fade! All at once. people who seemed to be part

of every story, are part of none. The debate that followed

MPs' return from the Lords

stantial. The Prime Minister looked by turns bored, tired or peeved. Whenever he departed from his text. Mr Major lapsed into the iones of a playground combaiani, gleeful when he catches his rival out, aggrieved when he him-

self is tripped. Tony Blair's countenance seemed to this observer to betray great strain. Perhaps it is just fatigue, or the curious angle (from above and to one side) from which 1 often see him, but in repose Mr Blair's facial muscles seem to knot

into a strangely angry, frozen look. The suspense is killing him.

Both men, fired as they are by aggression, hope and anxiety, suppose it will never pass. Sir Edward Heath, who arrived early vesterday to join the parade, knows that all things

Sketchwriting for The Morning Chronicle 160 years ago. Charles Dickens describes an early incarnation of the great man: "There he stands, leaning on his stick; looking at the throng of Exquisites around him with most

juring up, before his mind's eve the scenes he beheld in the old House, in days gone by, when his own feelings were fresher and brighter, and when, as he imagines, wit, talent, and patriotism flour-

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ished more brightly too." One day, men who are young now will misremember vesterday's mean-spirited and fractious Commons, met this week for one last mean-spirited and fractious gasp, as some kind of a golden age. It is as well to remind ourselves that in was not.

Major's U-turn on crime stuns the Commons

Continued from page I opposition to minimum sentences for serious offenders. They had feared that Labour, while not overtly opposing the stalkers and paedophile Bills, might have delayed them to prevent the Government pushing on with more populist legislation.

Mr Heseltine claimed a tactical victory. "We've ex-posed them. Tony Blair was making the most hypocritical statements about the intention of the Government to delay and to play party politics. The moment he makes a serious offer, we take it."

Privately, however, senior Tories saw Mr Major's speedy footwork as a deft move to take the heat out of the issue and to prevent the Government being out-flanked in the raging debate for the moral high-ground.

Labour produced a letter from Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, to Mr Howard on Tuesday promising to support any government Bills on stalking and paedophiles. Mr Blair had openly con-

fronted the morality issue, blaming the Government for "tearing and fracturing" society. On crime, the state of the NHS and the economy, it was as if the Conservatives had "just landed from Mars" or been in exile for 17 years, accepting no responsibility for the consequences of their actions, he said

The Tories' last hope was "a massive collective attack of national amnesia - that we forget the 22 tax rises, the VAT on fuel, the Black Wednesday,

the BSE, the doubling of crime, the doubling of debt, the poll tax, the arms for Iraq, eash for questions, Scott, Nolan. the business failures, the negative equity. the job insecurity. the waste, the inefficiency, the incompetence of the most wasteful, inefficient and incompetent Government in living memory."

Accusing the Opposition leader of being "evasive and misleading" about his own policies, the Prime Minister insisted Conservative policics had hrought about low inflation, falling unemployment and "new hope and new investment" to the inner cities. The theme of the Queen's speech was portrayed as "opportunity for all with an education Bill allowing schools freedom to select 20 per cent of bright pupils, and lo tighten discipline, and a health care Bill allowing surgeries lo offer a "cottage hospital" range of treatments.

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Dublin moves to speed Sinn Fein entry into talks

By Arthur Leathley and Audrey Magee

THE British and Irish Governments were at odds last night over moves to include Sinn Fein in cross-party Northern Ireland talks. Ministers in London were irritated when Dick Spring, the Irish deputy prime minister, said Sinn Fein could enter negotiations on Northern Ireland's future within weeks of an IRA ceasefire.

John Major immediately distanced himself from the call, amid signs that the British Government was preparing to impose tougher con-ditions before allowing Sinn Fein into talks.

Mr Major told the Commons that "even if a new ceasefire is declared, there will have to be more than soft words to convince the Government ... that it does not represent another tactical device to be abandoned at any convenient moment." Ministers suggest privately that Sinn Fein should have no place at the negotiations this side of a general election under any circumstances.

In the face of continuing terrorism, Mr Major is under pressure from Unionists to impose rougher restrictions to prevent Sinn Fein entering talks shortly after an IRA ceasefire. British sources appeared to move towards the demands last night, making clearer than before some specific tests that terrorist organ-

isations will have to pass to show clear evidence that there is a lasting ceasefire. These include the ending of terrorist training, the targeting of indi-viduals and buildings and the manufacture of weapons or bomb-making equipment.

Sinn Fein leaders are excluded from talks until there is a "credible" ceasefire and both governments have agreed that there must be no ministerial contacts with Sinn Fein unril the IRA ends its current terror-

ist campaign. But Mr Spring said yester-day there should be no delay once a ceasefire was declared: "It should happen quickly. Let's have momentum and gel into the talks and have an inclusive peace process, at the end of which we have an

for all in Northern Ireland. "The Mitchell principles [governing the talks process] are very clear and the ground rules are set out - let's have the ceasefire, let's get Sinn Fein into talks and let's have an inclusive process."

RTE radio yesterday followed signals from Ulster's unionist leaders that they wanted firmer assurance of the durability of any fresh ceasefire shead of Sinn Fein's entry into the negotiating process. Ministerial aides in London were quick to make clear that there had been no agreement be-

tween the two governments ministerial aide

agreed sentement and peace

Mr Spring's remarks on week

over timing. "Mr Spring is entitled to air his views but they are not our views," said a David Trimble, the leader of the Ulster Unionists, pressed John Major last week to rule

out publicly Sinn Fein's inclusion within six months of a ceasefire. Pro-Unionist Tory MPs believe that, by setting a firm exclusion period, minis-ters would send a clear message to nationalist and loyalist terrorists that violence would scupper the prospects of their

political allies being allowed into talks. They claim that the parties engaged in the falter-ing talks might proceed more swiftly if they know that Sinn Fein will not be admitted in the short-term.

According to the Dublin Government, Mr Spring was aware that Bridsh ministers were considering extending the time required before Sinn Fein could enter talks. Mr Spring spoke to Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, earlier this

A Dublin spokesman said: "If the British are trying to up the ante by imposing time restrictions on Sinn Fein's entry into talks then that is extremely negative. Talking about substantial delays before Sinn Fein get into talks is exactly the type of thing that will delay a ceasefire."



Bernie Grant, MP for Tottenham, at the State Opening of Parliament yesterday

But Mr Major denounced

Mr Blair's "sanctimonious" response to the legislative programme and gave a warning that any politician "should be very cautious about cloaking himself in righteousness". He said: "1 don't know how be can disclaim responsibility for faults in society today when his own Labour Party has consistently championed every fashionable, politically correct cause that has undermined our traditional way of life,"





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BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 2,000 farmers later delivered a box of beef voiced their anger over the joints, steak and nunce from Government's handling of the Devon canle to 10 Downing BSE crisis at a protest rally in Street. Similar unsolicited gifts of British beef were London yesterday and called for urgent negotiations to get presented to the embassies of EU states in London. the European Union ban on

The rally was overshad-owed by the release of new British beef lifted. Sir David Naish, the presiscientific evidence pointing dent of the National Farmers' strongly to a link between Union (NFU), drew loud applause as he declared: "I am recent cases of a new strain of appalled at the extent of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in government mismanagement humans and "mad cow" disease in cattle. and stupid delays that we have Sir David said: "Essentially

experienced throughout this whole catastrophic affair." Farmers drove by coach the findings merely confirm what was already suspected. from all over the country to the Central Methodist Hall, many All the safeguards which have been put into place since the Carrying banners proclaiming "British beef is best" and "Give Hogg a roasting" — a reference to Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, whom they blame for worsen-ing their plight. Sir David possibility of a link was dis-closed on March 20 have assumed a worst-case scenario. Consumers need have no doubts about the safety of beef in the shops." At the rally, Sir David called

Beef blamed for CJD

Continued from page I scientific journal Nature - is based on comparing the size of proteins in the brain. All the spongiform encephalopathies are believed to be caused by an aberrant form of the prion protein, and the test provides a way of distinguishing between different versions of this rogue protein.

The prions are extracted from the brain, placed on a jelly-like material, and sub-jected to an electric field which

about £3.8 million a week.

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makes them migrate across the gel, leaving a panern. The team reports that the panern from "new" CJD is quite different from that of normal CJD. It is, however, closely similar to that of BSE.

So far the test has been used only on brain tissue, but the team believes that samples from lymph nodes or tonsils may also harbour enough of the rogue prion to show up positive. Ultimately, even blood samples may be used.

special risk of developing BSE. as agreed at the EU summit in Florence in June. That, he said, was the key to getting the export ban lifted. "Repeated signals from our minister that there will be no

on the Government to proceed

significant selective cull - that the UK has changed its mind - are taken in the rest of Europe as meaning that the UK is breaking the Florence agreement."

To cheers, he added: "So, let us get on with the Florence agreement. Let us give ourselves the chance to export. Get your MP, particularly if he is a Conservative MP, to tell the minister to stop prevaricating."

Mr Hogg announced at the end of September that the plans for a selective cull had been suspended. He says he sees no point in the cull, which would require approval by Parliament, because most EU states are determined to maintain the beef ban whatever Britain does.

Sir David also called for help for livestock farmers in the hills, who depend heavily on beef production, and for a speeding-up of the separate cull of cattle over 30 months old. He said he would also continue to press for a restoration of the 10 per cent cut in the compensation paid for cattle culled under the 30-month scheme.



with a selective cull of 120,000 cattle identified as being at the senior military command-er in Northern Ireland until March, was yesterday appointed the next Chief of the General Staff, the Army's top post. He will replace General Sir Charles Guthrie, who was confirmed last week as the next Chief of the Defence Staff. Sir Roger was chosen in preference to General Sir Michael Rose, who led the UN force in Bosnia.

Dunblane threat

The Shooters Rights Association is threatening to bring manslaughter charges against Central Scotland Police over the Dunblane massacre, alleging negligence in granting a firearms certificate to the gunman, Thomas Hamilton. Police refused to comment about the proposed action. Free vote, page 13

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Incest rebuke

The Broadcasting Standards Council is to uphoid 40 complaints about an incest scene featured in Channel 4's Brookside, according to a complainant who let slip on BBC's Kilroy that he had received notification from the council. The scene featured a brother and sister kissing while lying naked in bed.

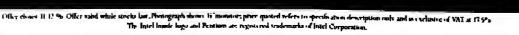
Instructor sacked

A senior driving instructor was given a suspended prison sentence by magistrates at Burton upon Trent after he drove his car while more than three times over the alcohol limit. John Gooch. 49, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. lost his job with the Driving Standards Agency after admitting the offence.

Goldsmith rebel

Harold Matthews, a 68-yearold retired lift engineer and former prospective parliamentary candidate for the Referendum Party, has de-fected to the UK independence Party, claiming Sir James Goldsmith does not go far enough. The UKIP wants Britain to break away from Europe completely.





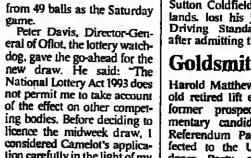
£12m sales for midweek lottery BY CAROL MIDGLEY Camelot needed a second draw to fulfil its £32 billion CAMELOT, the operator of total sales target by the end of the National Lottery, will colits seven-year licence period. lect an extra £12 million a The news was greeled with week in ticket sales as a result of the new midweek draw, the

dismay by charities and antigambling groups. The Gener-al Synod, which believes the company said yesterday. The jackpot would be £4 million and good causes would receive lottery encourages greed and raises false hope, repeated its call for an independent review

Camelot said it was hoped of the game. The Wednesday draw, due to be shown on BBC Telethe Wednesday draw would boost spending on the lottery, currently £67 million a week, vision, is likely to begin in the by 20 per cent to combat a new year and will have the recent decline in interest. same format of six numbers

dog, gave the go-ahead for the new draw. He said: "The National Lottery Act 1993 does not permit me to take account of the effect on other competing bodies. Before deciding to licence the midweek draw, 1 considered Camelot's applicalion carefully in the light of my statutory objectives to protect players, ensure propriety, and

good causes.



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HOME NEWS

Entrepreneur and Chelsea supporter was renowned for generosity and love of game

Blues fan enjoyed a colourful life lived at the double

By JASON NISSE ANO ANOREW PIERCE

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ONE piece of paper will determine the future of Chelsea Football Club, its ground at Stamford Bridge, the insurance company Benfield Group, the lives of two women and their five children, and the financial strength of the Labour Party. It is the will of Matthew Harding. The death of the self-made

tycoon, avid football fan, new Labour benefactor and unashamed man of the people. leaves a complex web of financial affairs. But the sophisocation that Mr Harding, 42. hrought to both his business and personal life is sure to show in the will lodged at his City solicitors.

Mr Harding's personal fortune, built up since joining Benfield as a teaboy 23 years ago, is estimated to stand at more than £120 million. This will be divided among his wife, Ruth, their four teenage children, who live at his E! milliou home at Ditchling, East Sussex, and his Ecuadorean girlfiend, Vicky Jaramillo, 25, who two years ago bore him a daughter, Ella, and shares his new home in Richmond, southwest London. The will may include large charitable donations - he worked greatly for Mencap --



Vicky Jaramillo had a child with Mr Harding

but is not expected to provide any more to the Labour Party. Mr Harding, who had never voted Labour before let alone been a member of the party. final. sprang a surprise on the political establishment with the announcement of a EI million donation. The cash was used to pay for Labour's poster campaign. Same Old Tories, Same Old Lies. Mr Harding said at the time of the donadon: "I feel that

what new Labour under Tony Blair's leadership is trying to do is the right thing. In America you can be fabulously wealthy, be a Democrat, and nobody blinks an eyelid. f never believed that being wealthy means being Tory. Labour has a greater undering £5 million to help to build

standing of enterprise." The entrepreneur balanced his life en the two homes as well as he balanced the division between his life as a City businessman and company director and his loyalty to the heisea fans with whom he has travelled to games for more 30 years.

On match days Mr Harding could be found drinking **Guinness and eating oysters** in the Imperial Arms on the King's Road, sporting a Chelsea shirt which he would swap for a smart suit to take his seat in the director's box, often next to the Prime Minister. Last season he was told off for trying to sneak cans of lager into the directors' box at Wembley for the FA Cup semi-

At his office in the City, he would often launch into football chants while discussing complex deals in the insurance market. Benfield, where he held a 33 per cent stake which paid him E3.25 million in its most recent financial year, has a reputation for well-executed and innovative transations and for treating its relatively young staff well. The average salary is £166.000. Tony Burridge, another Benfield director, also died in the crash. Mr Harding became a backer of Chelsea after offer-

the new north stand at Stamford Bridge. He soon became embroiled in the team's battles with its landlords and settled

the matter by buying the freehold of the site. He was invited onto the board by the clubchairman, Ken Bates. But the two have not been close, despite a supposed peace deal in the summer which gave Mr Harding a 25.6 per cent stake in the club. At one point Mr Bates tried to ban him from the directors' box and cancelled his parking space. Mr Harding's reaction was: "Nev-

er mind -- t'll go and sit in the north stand. f presume that's all right. After all, I did pay for

Throughout his involve-ment with Chelsea, Mr Harding's intention was to build a stable financial environment that would allow the team to thrive. His 14-year-old son. Luke, is also an avid fan. His stake, worth £28 million, is now expected to be sold.

Mr Harding's success came despite failing economics and history A levels. He passed only one, Latin, with a D

grade, Abingdon boarding school, near Oxford, which he attended for seven years, flew its flag at half-mast vesterday. Michael St John Parker, the headmaster, told how Mr Harding had been embarrassed at his lack of academic achievement. "He used to make a joke out of his undistinguished school career and he certainly didn't achieve any

distinction here." Mr Parker said that the former pupil had been gener-ous to the school, both financially and with his time. "He

donated lots of money to the and cheer on his three sons in junior matches, Mr Harding recently donated £18,000 for school and even helped to build our new careers room where he would hold court floodlights at to Hassocks FC. where he was vice-chairman. with the pupils and dish out advice on business." and had donated half an acre Residents of Ditchling also remembered Mr Harding's generosity, and his passionate

of his land to build a green for the millennium in Dilchling. Mr Harding's parents, Paul nvolvement in village footand Prudence, and his sister. ball. Despite his separation Grace, all lived only a few from wife, Ruth, he remained a familiar figure in the village. where he had lived for nearly ten years. He would often the body. attend derby matches at the

Crash team seek evidence of defect The lads weep for one of their own

By HARVEY ELLIOTT AIR CORRESPONDENT

AIR accident investigators were searching last night for the helicopter's engines. gear box and tail rotor in an effort to establish whether it had suffered a mechanical defect before crashing into a field and ploughing on into a line of

The pilot may have been trying to make an emergency landing after suffering an engine failure as he flew at around 2,000ft over Cheshire towards Heathrow. They were also studying the impact marks to find out how fast it was moving when it hit the ground and whether the pilot had selected an "autorotation" - when the rotor blades are allowed to windmill freely to enable the helicopter 3 to descend slowly. Before doing so the pilot would have looked out for a dark area in which to attempt to land. Early evidence suggests that the helicopter came down very quickly while still travelling forward and hit the ground



and would have been free to fly at heights of up to between 500 and 2,000 feet in uncontrolled airspace until he was within the Heathrow control

The twin-engined Squirrei was fitted with the latest safety equipment, including sophisticated navigation aids and radios. It is renowned for its reliability and sturdiness and is regarded as a favourite among pilots.

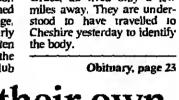
There are 857 helicopters registered in Britsin and there - on the day that Chelsea Foot-has been only one fatal crash ball Club mounted the loss of this year. There has not been a fatality involving a public the common touch. transport helicopter since

BY BILL FROST

CLUTCHING bunches of white carnations mixed with blue irises, three burly scaffolders yesterday laid their floral tribute to Matthew Harding at the gates of Stamford Bridge.

Ted, all tattoos and grimy tears, said that he had never cried in public before and probably never would again. His mates also allowed grief to overcome embarrassment





RIP." It was signed by James Hall, aged 9. Sam Hammam, the Wim-

bledon chairman, arrived early to lay his wreath to his friend. He said: "Matthew loved the game, he loved life

and everybody loved him." Mark Pulver, vice-presi-dent of the Chelsea Independent Supporters Association and another close friend, had been driving back from the

defeat at Bolion when he heard an explosion and saw flames from the road. Mr



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with such force that it broke up. Helicopters do not carry "black box" flight data or cockpit voice-recording equipment and it was not under direct air traffic control at the time of the accident.

But several witnesses said they had heard a helicopter apparently having problems

with its engine and then seen something failing from the sky. The night was clear and fine and the French-made Aerospatiale Squirrel AS355 was travelling south at around

130mph. Because he planned to fly to Heathrow, the pilot, Michael Goss, had filed a flight plan

outrageous.

he said.

1989. The number of helicopter accidents throughout the world fell to 209 last year. compared with 272 in the previous year. Most were in the United States, where helicopters are far more widely used.

Investigators say that 90 of the 209 accidents were caused by pilot error, with 42 caused

by engine failure and 34 by

a millionaire superfan with The scaffolders, part of the buman fide of grieving sup-



waited to lay their flowers. Harding's lifeloog passion for Chelsca, his largesse to the club and his love of life tooched them all.

The gates soon became obscured by bunches of flow-



In memory: one of the messages at Stamford Bridge

honour guard of grim-faced ers in blue and white, the club's colours. There were flags and football shirts too. children stood watch over the shrine. They had laid their Some of the bouquets had tributes carly, but would stay been made up by the most expensive florists in Chelsea. all day. A fadiog Chelsea shirt Others were hastily mixed at hanging from the main gates

had the message: "Matthew -barrows in the nearby North number one Chelsea Fan. End Road Market. A silent

Pulver, 40, pulled his car to the verge, allowing fire engines to pass. He did not know what had happened. He suggested that the new

South Stand should be named in Mr Harding's honour. "He put the fun back into football here He had no airs or graces. He put his money where his mouth was. He was just your typical lad."

Last Saturday Mr Harding went with his father to the Imperial Arms on New King's Road. his local when Chelsea played at home. Afterwards, he caught a bus hume.

As of October 27: First 055 the Miss McGarrity, who left the Royal Navy in July last year, is seeking compensation for alleged sexual discrimina-tion at an industrial tribunal in Exeter. "I don't recall putting my hands on her hips. but I could well have done so

Captain denies trying to kiss fancy dress shipmate

BY EMMA WILKINS

A ROYAL Navy captain who is accused of trying to kiss a that the captain tried to kiss woman midshipman at a fanher at a fancy dress party in the Falklands while he was dressed as Julius Caesar and cy dress party dismissed the allegations yesterday as she was a Roman centurion The 39-year-old veteran of the Falklands war, who can was untrue, he said.

weather.

"I do not recall if I danced not be named for legal rea-sons, admitted that he might with McGarrity. If she said 1 did, then I did. It's quite have touched Claire McGarappropriate that I should dance with the officers, but the rity, 25, while on the bridge of his warship. Any contact was, suggestion that I tried to kiss however, designed to move her out of the way so that he her is outrageous. "I certainly did not. I do not could reach navigation charts, behave in that sort of fashion

and f think it is also fairly outrageous for her to say that some of our married officers were in clinches. It's a pity they are not here to defend themselves," he said.

Miss McGarrity's claim that male officers had watched a pornographic film in the wardroom on board ship was ridiculous, he said. "No officer would take the risk of showing a pornographic video.

gise, but the bridge of a They all knew my orders and the way I ran the ship. There would have been disciplinary proceedings if they

Miss McGarrity's claim were caught and it may well go to court martial." The captain said he had recommended that Miss McGarrity should be withdrawn from her training course because her attitude and motivation were disappointing. His recommendaoon was not approved and she went on for further training on

HMS Cornwall before returning to the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

The tribunal heard she was recommended by the college for withdrawal from training because it was considered she did not have the integrity or character for a naval officer. The Royal Navy claims she was sent home on leave but

hearing was adjourned until today.

Mystery of recluse's 'suicide' BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

THE apparent suicide of a millionaire recluse who was found dead in his fume-filled car was being treated by police yesterday as murder.

Lawrence Dabbs, 74. a retired company director, was found in the garage of his bungalow in flkeston, Derbyshire. on September 13.

Detective Superintendent Kelvyn Ashby, of Derbyshire police, sald: "He had been aken to hospital twice just before his death. On both occasions he was found comatose with no apparent reason

for it." Police said Mr Dabbs was known to have made some enemies. They carried out a number of searches in the likesion area yesterday which resulted in eight men helping the investigation. Five were later arrested.

Peter Ashworth the Derby and South Derbyshire Coroner, opened and adjourned an inquest into Mr Dabbs's death when it was still being treated as a suicide. Mr Dabbs's body has been cremated.



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BY A STAFF REPORTER

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captain told the hearing. If I touched her and she

A MIDDLE-AGED couple took part in an elaborate plot to grab a fortune of nearly £10 million with the help of the only cheque ever stolen from the Bank of England, a court was told yesterday. It involved forged signatures, letters of authority faxed from a veterinary practice, and an impressive instruction from a bogus firm of solicitors allegedly acting for the Nationwide Building Society, it was claimed.

But before the potentially "catastrop-

and a summer of the second strategy in the se

hic" swindle could succeed, a bank manager became suspicious, made inqui-ries and called in the police. London's Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court was told. Peter Garnett, 54, a business consultant, was arrested as he turned up to collect £50,000 of the money. His wife Linda, 52, an accountant, was detained later at work.

She refused to answer questions but her husband told detectives that the cheque for £9,768.453 had been handed to him on the concourse of King's Cross station, London, by someone he was

unable to contact. Brendan Finucane, for the prosecution, told the jury that the cheque had been stolen from inside the Bank of England. "It is believed to be the only one that ever has been. It is an unusual situation that any cheque should disappear from there." The cheque related to a Treasury account that the building society held at the Bank. Mr Garnett and his wife of Bermondsey,

south London. deny a joint charge of conspiring with others unknown to defraud Nationwide. The case continues today.

Miss McGarrity considered she had left the service. Later. when told that she could rejoin the college, she resigned after deciding returning was not in her best interests. The tribunal has ruled that neither the caotain nor the ship should be idenofied. The

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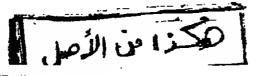
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Brain study backs tobacco folklore

Drink to forget, or have a smoke to help the memory

By Nigel Hawkes, science eoftor

(TWAS always said that some people drink to forget. Now it is claimed that smoking may be a way to help to remember. Scientists have shown that nicoline, the active ingredient in tobacco smoke, improves the memory by stimulating the transmission of nerve impulses in the part of the brain involved in learning. The finding may have impli-

cations for sufferers from Alzheimer's disease, in which the opposite process takes place. Studies have already shown that smokers have a delayed risk of the disease compared with non-smokers, if they live long enough.

The idea that tobacco improves memory has long been part of the folklore of smoking. In a 1659 book lauding "the Wonderful Vertues of Tobacco". Dr Giles Everard claimed that smoking a pipe strengthened the memory. Unlike other alleged virtues he found in the weed, this one has stood up to scientific scrutiny.

In a study partially funded by the Smokeless Tobacco search Council, an industry body that promotes the nonsmoking use of tobacco in

products such as snuff and chewing tobacco, researchers from the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, led by Dr John Dani, investigated the effect of nicotine on cells from the hippocampus area of the brain.

At levels typically found in the blood during smoking, they report in Nature, nicotine enhanced the transmission of nerve impulses. It appears to do so by mimicking the effect of acetylcholine, a chemical messenger which stimulates the release of other messengers.

The process involves the activation of acetylcholine receptors at junctions between the brain cells, the synapses. This provokes the release of calcium ions and of neurotransmitters. The research fits in with previous psychological studies which show that smoking is linked to improvements in memory. Other researchers have

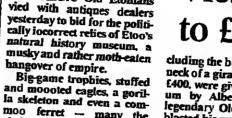
shown that nicotine also affects receptors in other parts of the brain, notably those governing mood, emotions and alertness. Dr Lorna Role, of Columbia University in New

York says: "Nicotine is a sneaky drug. It is interacting with these receptors and tre-mendously boosting the strength of the signals be-tween brain cells." Newly uncovered documents show that a tobacco industry scientist argued near-ly 40 years ago that a suspect-

ed carcinogen should be removed from Marlboro cigarettes, or at least reduced. NOSTALGIC Old Etonians

A metabolite of the chemical benzopyrene has been shown to damage DNA in the way shown by smokers who develop lung cancer. In 1958, J.E. Lincoln, who became Philip Morris's vice-president for research, warned of the dangers of benzopyrene. In a memo, he said: "This compound must be removed or sharply reduced. We do this not because we think it is harmful. but because those who are in a fashioo better position to know than ourselves suspect it may be harmful." His comments, ap-

parently unsuccessful, are being used as part of Mississippi's lawsuit to force the tobacco industry to reimburse state costs for caring for sick smokers.



moo ferret - many the victims of old boys when slaughter was the height of - went onder the hammer for a total of £80,000, twice the estimate made by Bonhams, the aoctioocers. The money will be used to re-equip the museum to the more scientific and less bloodthirsty needs of today's A-level biology students. Many of the trophies, inhalf the museum".

Arthur Leatham, left, "the man who shot half the museum" and the curator, Dr David Smith, with a gorilla skeleton that sold for £3,000

Victorian body count adds up to £80,000 for Eton museum

cluding the bead and half the neck of a giraffe, which made £400, were given to the muse-um by Albert Leatham, a legendary Old Etonian who blasted his way through most of the world at the turn of the century and who wrote of his exploits in Sport in Five Continents. Among the 20 or more specimens be slew and donated were three red deer. hippo, a rhino and a warthog. He is still remembered as "the man who shot

Dr David Smith, the curator, said: "He was an amaz-

ing chap, but also very mod-est. Nowhere in his book does be mentioo that be weot to Eton, and he even admits that be was not a terribly good sbot."

The museum, oow largely cleared of the creatures that ooce adorned its walls, is keeping one of Leatham's specimens - an Ichang deer be shot in the moootains of central China in 1904 and which had not previously been known to exist.

Leatham, a pupil at Eton from 1873 to 1876, was a biggame hunter straight from

the pages of Rider Haggard. In one chapter of bis book be writes of his exploits to India. After downing a few meat lozenges for breakfast, be spent hours stalking a stag and theo aoother three hauling the trophy back to camp. In Somaliland be bagged an Sft lion - his first - which took three hollets to kill and

snapped a small tree in its death throes. In another chapter Leatham told of shooting a grizzly bear in British Colom-bia. "When he got oearly to the base of the cliff and I saw

bim clear the trees I sat down and, taking deliberate aim. hit bim between the shoul-ders and he dropped dead in bis tracks.

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Today's Etooians have less interest in bagging big cats. aod in receot years the museum has failed to attract more than a trickle of pupils or the general public. In its new guise it will coocentrate on coology and geoetics.

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The lop price of the day. £3.000, was paid by an anooymous buyer for the mounted gorilla skeleton. A pair of lions io a glass case, shot by Lord Wolverton, in Somali-land in 1893, made £1.800, a desert lynx £2,000 and a snow lenpard £1,700. The ferret went for £380.

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Farewell party puts host into heavens

By ROBIN YOUNG ANO ADAM FRESCO

A MAN called Roger is to make his last exit as a sprinkling of stardust in the night sky at a firework party for his family and friends.

His first name has been emblazoned on the side of a 5ft rocket specially built by a firework company to contain his ashes. His family whose surname is not being revealed - made the arrangements in accordance with his last wishes.

Roger died of cancer two months ago, leaving a widow, a son aged 10 and a daughter aged 9, in Powys. Last night his widow said that he saw the idea of the rocket party in

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Their two children also liked the idea, she said. They found the firework

company through Yellow Pages, Jon Culverhouse, managing director of Fantastic Fireworks in Pepperstock, Bedfordshire, said: "This is certainly the most extraordinary order we have ever had." Mr Culverhouse received the ashes of the deceased

packed in a bag last week, and yesterday they were incorpo-rated into one of the firm's largest rockets. Some of the firework assemblers at the factory asked to be excused from the tack from the task.

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Judge attacks decision to put boy with brutal father

A JUDGE who jailed a father for ten years for brutalising his 21-month-old son said a social services decision to place the boy with him "beg-gared belief". Judge Ian McLean told Philip Scammell and Jill Mills, Scammell's former girlfriend, that it was "a merciful release" that the

child eventually died. The court was told that Ryan Crossett had two broken ankles, a fractured skull and was covered in bite marks and burns when his body was found. The torture he endured included being held against a burning radiator, having a key screwed into his neck and being forced to sit on a potty all day. Although Ryan's death was caused by a respiratory illness, post-mortem examinations revealed he had suffered the most appalling cruelty and neglect.

Judge McLean 10ld Scam-mell and Mills it was the gravest case of its kind he had ever come across, "No one will ever know the truth about the way in which you brutalised that little boy.

"It was a merciful release services were conducting an

Jill Mills and Philip Scammell were jailed for cruelty

when he died, because who knows what you would have thought of next. The last hours of that child's life have never been fully disclosed because the bizarre accounts given by both of you cannot be believed.

Sentencing Scammell, 28, a window cleaner, he added: "It is said you have feelings of remorse, but no one apart from your counsel has ever seen them. The maximum sentence is to be reserved for the gravest cases and 'I see no reason to part from that."

He then asked if social



inquiry, adding: "I would like to know whether an unoccupied house, cold, without heating, full of beer bottles, where men play cards, is a suitable home for a child to be placed. That decision beggars belief." Mills, 38, of Calmore, near

Totton, Hampshire, was sentenced to six years after admitting causing Ryan grievous bodily harm, including holding him against a radiator, and four years for two charges of cruelty, the sentences to run

concurrently Scammell, also of Calmore, was found guilty of two charges of cruelty earlier this

month. Two male members of the jury who convicted him returned to Southampton Crown Court for the sentencing yesterday and wept openly in the public gallery. Nicholas Haggan, for the

prosecution, said Ryan's mother, Carol Crossett, had been in a relationship with Scammell in 1993, but they had split up before Ryan's birth. She was unable to cope with him and he was placed in care.

Mr Haggan said that Hampshire County Council's social services department placed Ryan with his father. who made an arrangement with Mills, who had two children, to look after him at her home while he was at work. Ryan died after being held against a radiator and burnt, placed in a cold bath and then put to bed.

A spokesman for Hampshire social services said a review had found no single agency or individual was to blame, but there had been shortcomings in social service and health service communications and procedures. Its recommendations were now being considered.



Ryan Crossett, whose death was "a merciful release"

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Neighbour tells of girl's terror

BY A STAFF REPORTER

wealthy couple who left their children in squalor was made to scrub floors while they entertained dinner guests. a court was told yesterday. The girl and her six brothers

and sisters were dressed in ragged, urine-soaked clothes while their mother and stepfather drove a BMW and ate and dressed well. Brisiol Crown Court was told.

The couple, who cannot be named, are jointly charged with ten counts of cruelty over an ll-year period. The 34-year-old stepfather of the girl. referred to as Miss X. also faces two charges of rape and two of indecent assault against her. They deny all the charges. A neighbour ai Malmes-bury, Wiltshire, said she never saw the girl do anything but housework. "I saw her do the washing and the Hoovering. 1 saw her clear up the bedrooms, clear up the front room and the stairs - things I would do in the home. I was over there one evening around 11.15 and 11.30pm and she was still doing housework. "Little Miss X used to break

THE 12-year-old daughter of a world on her shoulders while other 12-year-olds were starting make-up and fashion. She was very low and depressed." The child, who had no room of her own and had to sleep on a sofa, was "absolutely terrified" of her stepfather. The neighbour said that she

once had to make a meal for the seven children out of one on of beans and sausages from the freezer.

A nanny who looked after three girls and two boys for the couple described her 12 weeks at their home as "complete hell". She said: "The house was in a horrible state. It absolutely stank upstairs." While the children went

hungry, their parents brought home large Indian takeaways and gave the leftovers to the youngsters for their breakfast, the nanny said.

The food was scarce. To try and get a meal together for the five children and myself was very difficult. There was an abundance of milk, crackers and dried potato. I had to make some meals with these. My parents came to visit me every Wednesday and I told them to bring food "

The case continues

Killer that Scheme to save mills can take backed 60 years by Prince to strike

By VALERIE ELLIOTT WHITEHALL EDITOR

DEATHS from asbestos-related disease are likely to go on rising for up to 25 years, the Health and Safety Commission said yesterday. The in-crease is blamed on the exposure of workers many tage, will be launched today years ago when conditions were less strictly controlled. Frank Davies, chairman of

400 British companies. the commission, said: "The rates in younger people, who have had less exposure, are falling, but we are still very concerned about the potential exposure of contractors and others to asbestos already in buildings." About, 1,200, people, a year

die from a form of cancer known as mesothelioma, and most cases are probably caused by asbestos. Men who started work in the 1950s and 1960s are identified as most likely to die from this cancer, according to the commission's annual report yesterday.

BY MARCUS BINNEY THE Prince of Wales is backing a multimillion-pound initiative to breathe life into empty Yorkshire and Lancashire textile mills and canalside warehouses. The scheme, Regeneration through Heri-

by Business in the Community, which represents the top Fred Taggart, the director of the initiative, said: "We're not just inviting the private sector to write us a cheque, but to get involved in creating and sus-taining jobs. We will be developing projects jointly with English Heritage, English partnerships and other em-

ployment initia oves." One scheme aims to convert the vast Centenary Mill in Preston into a centre for fashion excellence for the local - mainly Asian - denim industry. The scheme includes a "virtual-reality catwalk" enabling foreign buyers to buy

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COULDE introduced in 1969, and its use was considerably reduced in the mid-70s, but the number of deaths could rise to a peak of many more." 3,300 a year because there is a

delay of 15 to 60 years between exposure and death. Since 1980 there have been three times as many disability benefit claims for asbestiosis and 427 new cases were reported last year. Most have been men who worked in ports or dockyards - asbestos was used in ship insulation - and this is reflected in the number

of deaths in shipping areas. There have also been a high number of deaths in areas associated with railway engineering, where asbestos was used to insulate carriages. Far fewer women die from asbestos-related diseases. Female victims usually worked in the manofacture of gas masks or in asbestos textile industries. Health and Safety Annual Report 1995-96, E16, and Health and Safety Statistics 1995-96, £13.50 (HSE Books, PO Box 1999, Sudbury, Suf-folk, CO10 6FS)

Taggart said: "We hope to secure 3,000 jobs from foreign competition and generate In Wakefield, west York-

shire, the Prince is backing a proposal to convert the long disused 18th-century navigaoon warehouse beside the canal into flats, workshops and restaurants. At Sowerby Bridge, a warehouse is to be restored as the headquarters for the local sea scouts with workshop units above.

The initiative is being launched at Saltaire, the model town laid out by Sir Titus Salt. Jonathan Silver, who has restored the mill there, said: When we began we had nearly a million square feet of decaying industrial space. Now it's all restored and occupied without a penny of grant. The key is to find the sandwich of art, industry and retailing. We have three storeys of art gallery devoted to David Hockney, as well as Pace microtechnology, who make the decoders for satellite television and employ 1,000."

What Queen thought of suffragette martyr

BY JOHN SHAW

A TELEGRAM from Queen Alexandra to the jockey who was injured when a suffragette died as she ran in front of the King's horse during the 1913 Derby is being sold in London next month.

It reads: "Queen Alexandra was very sorry indeed to read of your sad accident caused through the abominable conduct of a brutal lunatic woman." Emily Davison's death. a turning point in the campaign for women's suffrage, is preserved in a flickering piece of newsreel film that has become part of racing history.

Herbert Jones, the royal ockey, was badly hurt in the collision but recovered to ride many other winners for royal owners and the 1919 Derby on Minoru. The telegram is expected to fetch about £700 at Sotheby's on November 13. Although Davison's action is now seen as a dramatic

demonstration on behalf of the cause of votes for women. Jones claimed that her dramatic gesture was accidental, rather than deliberate. He maintained that she mistake enly thought the field had cleared Tattenham Corner, the apex of which obscured the stragglers, including his horse, Anmer.

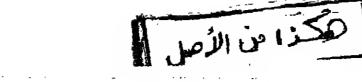
In later years the jockey was said to have been haunted by the "look of horror" on Davison's face seconds before the accident. The Queen's telegram is part of a collection of memorabilia being sold by the Jones family in an auction devoted to racing.

It will go under the hammer with an album of press cuttings filled with articles about the incident from newspaper all over the world. The metry ulously assembled cuttings offer a record of the day's racing and contemporary reaction to Davison's gesture.

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down to me. She was old before her time. She had the





Shephard puts team of assessors into strike-threat school

BY DAVID CHARTER AND PAUL WILKINSON

THE Government will ask the Chief Inspector of Schools today to send an emergency team of assessors into the west Yorkshire school where teachers are threatening to strike unless 61 "unleachable" pupils are expelled.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Sec-retary, is believed to be concerned that parents would not send their children back to The Ridings School in Halifax after half-term this week unless swift action was taken to calm their fears. She wants inspectors to report back as carly as next week and is not prepared to wait for a local authority visit planned for December

Staff in the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers were casting their strike votes vesterday, but the result is not expected until next week. They claim the 61 children are out of control and that the management is in crisis after the resignation two weeks ago of the head teacher.

However, the Rev Stanley Brown, the chairman of governors, urged the 38 teachers in a letter to think very carefully before voting in favour of industrial action. The teachers called the strike ballot last week after three incidents in which pupils assaulted staff. Yesterday Mr Brown said the attitude of the union,

which represents all but four of the Ridings teaching staff, was very disappointing. "A package of measures was introduced to support the school from the start of this term," he said.

"We have been working recently to provide additional facilities to allow genuinely discuptive pupils to be withdrawn from the classroom and taught in more appropriate ways." He said that he hoped the appointment of a new head teacher would bring "a fresh start". The present head teacher, Karen Stansfield, has blamed exhaustion for her decision to leave. Mr Brown added: "There

are hundreds of sensible and

Sacking to be investigated

II were successful. Yet three

female officers clinched pro-

motion when only nine were qualified to apply. That year, after 19 years

with the police force, eight of

them as a sergeant and with

at the

The Charity Commission is to question the governors of a public school which urdered its headmaster to quit. It decided to step in after hundreds of parents complained when it was announced that Peter Wilkes, head of Cheltenham College, was to leave next August. Mr Wilkes, 56, was sacked after the college slumped in the A-level league tables from 147th in 1995 to 205th this year.

contented pupils. There are unfortunately a small number of disturbed and disruptive children." But Brian Garvey, the

union's Yorkshire representa-tive on its national executive committee, said: "This socalled package of measures they say they introduced this term amounts to nothing more that a series of meetings to discuss the problems. We are now beyond that."

The governors will meet in emergency session on Tues-day, when the results of the ballot are known. The teachers are expected to come down strongly in favour of a strike. The mother of a Ridings pupil said yesterday that she would not let her 13-year-old

son return to school because he had been teased about his dyslexia and beaten. Julie Whiley said Kieron would only go back when the school got rid of bullies. She said: "Some of the teachers are frightened of the pupils and there are not enough teachers to handle the children, but I blame the parents as well." Jacqueline Taylor, whose daughter Sarah, 13, was ex-pelled for pushing a teacher

year of her A levels.

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Miss Thake said: "My future could be

ruined. My dream is to be a doctor and

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and then re-instated on appeal, attacked the teachers' strike threat. The children are not that bad at the school and it is their job to teach. Who are they to strike?"

decision jeopardises my results and

The company, which is chaired by Lady Prior, wife of the former Conservashe would fight their decision in the European Court of Human Rights. Fiona Thake, 17, said the move by the Church Schools Company to shut York College for Girls would severely disrupt the final Parents gathered at the school near school in the city. York Minster yesterday and said they would apply for an injunction if the

The number of girls' schools has been

falling steadily in recent years through closures and mergers. The Independent Schools Information Service said there were 386 girls' schools in 1994, compared to 455 in 1985.

Fiona's father, Phillip, an accountant, said: "My daughter bas a right to a proper education and the CSC has committed itself, as I committed myself by paying her fees, to provide that edocation. What they have done is unlawful and) intend to sue."

The company has offered places to pupils at Lincoln Minster School, more than 80 miles away, and at Hull High School, 40 miles away. It has also offered to pay a grant to cover costs of new school uniforms and to transfer bursaries and scholarships.







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Policewomen 'are promoted unfairly'

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

A POLICE officer claimed vesterday that he had been passed over for promotion in favour of female colleagues with less experience. Inspector Graham Seal said that he was among several male officers in the Essex force who were the victims of sex discrimination.

Mr Seal told an industrial before the interview boards tribunal that he encountered and failed to gain promotion. He said he had been "very the bias when he was trying to climb the ladder from serupset" but got over his disapgeant to inspector, and the pointment until he heard in 1994, led him to launch his own investigation. "There was a lack of consistency," said Mr Seal, who eventually secured promotion this year. He said that he respected his female colleagues, but added: "The age and length of service and credibility and experience is not assessed the same as [for] a male candidate."

Crown bows to the law on tenants BY OLIVER AUGUST

A CROWN tenant claimed a landmark ruling yesterday in a test case which could allow the leaseholders of some of Britain's grandest residences to seek fair rents before an independent body.

"extensive" experience as an Helen Bryan, an American acting inspector. Mr Seal went lawyer, went to the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal to clarify the statutory rights of the residents of the Nash villas around Regent's Park. iribunal decide



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Head girl to fight closure in court By DAVID CHARTER could affect my career." EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT THE head girl of a school facing sudden closure warned governors yesterday that

tive minister Jim Prior, said closure was inevitable because pupil numbers were declining. Parents say the company told them it would spend £100,000 a year on the school for three years when it took it over in 1994, saving it from a merger with The Mount School, another all-girls

Fiona Thake outside York College for Girls yesterday. She says the move to shut the school threatens her A levels

Miss Thake said that, by closing the school, whose motio is Not For Ourselves Alone, in the middle of the year, the company was breaching an agreed contact to educate the pupils until at least July 1997.

He said that his investigations found that in 1994 a total of 189 male officers qualified to apply for promotion but only

would have powers to adjudicolleague, identified at the cate only if Mrs Bryan was tribunal only as Sergeant A. seeking a different form of He said three male officers lease, because of ambiguities were not given interviews in the Housing Acts. The despite recommendation, yet a limited ruling establishes the possibility of challenging the senior officer with no experience of working with Sergeant Crown under certain condi-A made a personal representation and sat on the board that tions. The Crown was also promoted her. He formally forced to agree in principle to submitted a grievance in January 1995 despite, he said, the stress it caused him because of

his loyalty to the constabulary.

The tribunal continues.

the tribunal's jurisdiction. Mrs Bryan said: "This is a small triumph. The next step is probably an appeal to the Lands Tribunal."

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'It's tragic, but what's the good of whining? The fact is I've run out of money,' says Prince's neighbour

Shrinking fortune forces owner to sell ancient estate

BY RICHARD DUCE

THE owner of a country estate adjoining the Prince of Wales's home at Highgrove spoke yesterday of his anguish at having to sell the land, which has been in his family

for almost 700 years. For 28 generations Des-mond Estcourt's family has run Estcourt Park, near Tetbury, Gloucestershire, fea-tured in the BBC series Pride tured in the BBC series Pride and Prejudice. It is now on the market for more than £5 million. Mr Estcourt, 78 yesterday, has no heirs and the mounting costs of maintaining the estate, which is run by a trust, have led to the sale.

He is leaving 1,400 acres of land first occupied by his ancestors in 1303 for somewhere more modest: "I am moving to a flat in Lymington. Hampshire, in a few weeks with my cat, Amber, We are



Desmond Estcourt will move to flat with his cat

very good friends and I am devoted to her."

Mr For many Estcourt has lived in the fivebedroom dower house; the main Georgian manor house was demolished in 1964. Whoever buys the estate will have to budget for a further £1 mil-

lion or more to build replacement. Mr Estcourt said: "It is tragic for me, but what is the good of whining? We all have our trials. I am hating all this. It is not my plan to go - my family has been here 700 years and it goes against all my instincts. But nobody is to blame. The fact is I have run out of money." The Estcourt family at one

stage owned 70,000 acres of Gloucestershire and Wiltshire. Mr Estcourt inherited the estate from his father. Thomas, in 1961. His brother. Giles, a Spitfire pilot, was killed over France at the age of 21 and his sister, Diana, died

of cancer five years later. "My father left investments but they are now gone and the estate is not what it was. If he went off the deep end and sold land at whatever prices he could get, whether he was

wrong or right, is of no consequence. Once the land has gone, it has gone. It is never going to come back. I am very proud that the family

has been here for 28 genera-nons. How many families have done that? I would dearly have loved to have had a son, but I never married and, at 78 I don't know if I ever shall. I knocked

down the old Estcourt House and it was very sad. "As a wee boy the place was like a little bit of paradise for me it was a fairyland almost too good to be true. There was a library, billiard

room, a marvellous staircase. cellars and study - the place went on and on. I am grateful to have had such a home." His ancestors include John

Estcourt, who sided with the another Thomas Estcourt Lancastrians in the War of the Roses. Thomas Estcourt was knighted by James 1 in 1607. but the title died with Sir William Estcourt, who was murdered at the Globe Tavern in London in 1684. Another Thomas was an MP for Exeter who died in 1818 and is credited as a pioneer of modern farming techniques. Yet

founded the Friendly Society. The estate has an income of E120,000 a year from two ienanted farms. The sale also includes a Grade II listed stable block and coach house which have fallen into disrepair. The tree-lined drive featured in Pride and Prejudice. Peter Lowndes, of the prop-erty agents Lane Fox, said

yesterday: "This is a chance to buy yourself into history. We already have potenoial buyers. "I am sure the Duchy of Cornwall will be interested in looking at the estate, being a neighbour. We will be sending them a catalogue."

A spokeswoman for the Prince of Wales said that the duchy would view a brochure with interest.

Architect's dream house rejected as a 'Mockintosh'

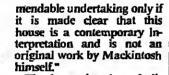
BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

VISIONARY "dream house" built from 95-year-old sketches by the architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh has been dismissed as a "Mockiotosh" by purists.

It has taken seven years and £4 millioo to translate Mackintosh's 1901 drawings for House For An Art Lover to reality in Glasgow's Bellahouston Park. It opens to the public this weekend. Andy MacMillan, an archi-

tect, has worked alongside Graham Roxburgh, an engineer, to bring the project to fruition. The house is meant to be a lasting tribute to the Glasgow-born Mackintosh, who was spurned by his home city during his life and died in poverty 70 years ago.

Some experts have questioned whether it should have been built while a number of genuine Mackintosh build-

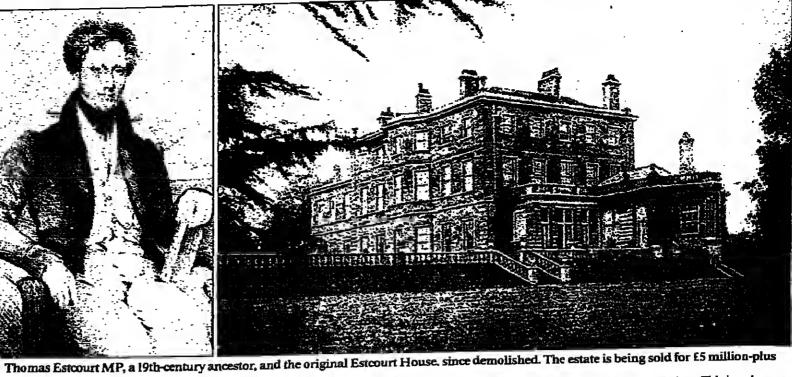


The house has been built from sketches which Mackintosh and his wife, Margaret, completed hurriedly in 1901 to enter a German competition. As a result, large chunks of the interiors were missing, including the main staircase and most of the main hall.

MacMillan, an acknowledged Mackintosh expert, said he used "collage" to fill in the gaps, taking details from other Mackintosh buildings where there was no information in the drawings. The main staircase is based on the stair at the Glasgow School of Art

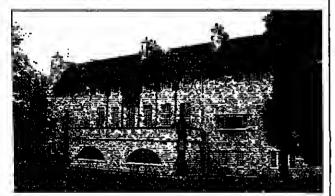
The top floor, designed by Mackintosh as offices, is stu-





ings are empty and semiderelict in the city centre. Neil Baxter, an architectural historian, said: "I admire both MacMillao and Roxburgh, but this is just high-quality 'Mockintosh' and a slightly artificial exercise. It is a fake and can be seen as a com-

dio space for the School of Art. The ground floor, where the architect gave no clues, houses a café, shop and exhibition gallery. The main floor, comprising the entrance hall, music room, dining room and oval room, is from the drawings.



House For An Art Lover is a fake, claims one critic

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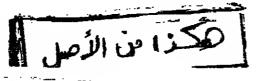
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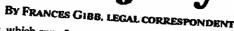
THREE huge damages awards for personal injuries were cut by up to a third yesterday when the Court of Appeal ruled against a more generous approach to compensation.

ce's neighbour

A £1.619.000 award to Thema Wells, 60, a car crash victim, was reduced by £532,000. James Thomas. 7, who suffered cerebral palsy at birth because of a hospital error, had his award of £1,285,000 against Brighton Health Authority cui by aboui £300.000.

A steelworker's damages of £906,000, won by Kelvin Page against Sheerness Steel for brain damage after he was speared by a red-hot metal bar, was decreased by £280,000. The reductions, which followed appeals by defence insurers, will affect scores of damages cases in the pipeline.

The High Court judges who made the original awards had fixed them higher than normai after accepting evidence that the only safe way to invest the money was in low-risk. index-linked government se-



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curities, which earn 3 per cent a year. The usual expectation is a 4.5 per cent return from equities and gilts. The setting of higher awards has been recommended by a working party and adopted in a Law Commission report, but not all yet made law. entails."

He said that it was a "great misfortune that the Lord Chancellor had not imple-Yesterday the appeal judges, Lords Justices Hirst, Auld and Thorpe, ruled that the old guidelines should still mented the Law Commission proposals in full. He accepted

6 Widows or other relatives of accident victims who know little about finance will have to speculate on the Stock Exchange 9

be followed and it was not for the courts to anticipate a new these proposals, that the award should be calculated on practice. Lawyers for the three the basis of index-linked stock. victims are to seek leave to And then, when the Damages appeal to the House of Lords. Act 1996 was brought in, he The appeal court decision went back on what he said he was attacked by Sir Michael Ogden, QC, who chaired the was going to do."

working party that recom-mended the Law Commission Since the Act, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chan-cellor, has said that he would proposals. "I think this deciawait yesterday's ruling and sion] is wrong." he said. "! hope it goes to the Lords and is may reconsider how awards should be calculated. overturned. What it means is

Yesterday Mr Page's solici-

that widows, or other relatives tor, Paul Kitson, said: "The of accident victims who know perhaps little about finance, judgment means plaintiffs will have to continue to gam-ble their awards on the stock market in order to ensure a sufficient income for the rest of have to speculate on the Stock Exchange to try to maintain the value of their awards, with uncertainty that their lives.

The original award to Mr Page reflected the seriousness of his injuries and his substantial care costs. The rejection by the Court of Appeal of the trial judge's more generous ap-proach is a blow, not only to Mr Page, but to victims of accidents in the future."

James Thomas's legal team said the decision would have serious consequences for him and his family. The damages

for the negligent treatment which injured him would now be insufficient to guarantee the level of care that had been planned

Described as a bright little boy with a full understanding his severe disabilities, James had an almost normal life expectancy and required a substantial sum to meet his needs as his parents grew older.

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killed for dress rings gets life

A man who murdered a 78 year-old widow for her cos tume jewellery bas been sentenced to life. Barrie Compton, 53, of no fixed address. was found guilty of a murdering Jean Windridge of Chelmsley Wood, Birming ham, by Birmingham Crown Court, Richard Harze, 32, also of Cheimsicy Wood, was of Cheimsley Wood, was jailed for three years for handling the rings, which he sold for £35, and for perv-erting the course of justicer relating to the disposal of Compton's clothes and the murder weapon.

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Sentence cut

A Briton jailed in Morocco on A Briton jailed in Morocco on drug charges has had his sent-ence cut from five years to four on appeal. David Rich-ards, 37, of Alnwick, North-umberland, was arrested with his wife, Jill, 40, while on boliday with their daoghter, 8. Mrs Richards was acquitted.

Priest charged

Father Gerard McCallion, 48, a Roman Catholie priest serva koman canoue priest serv-ing a two-year sentence for indecently assaulting young girls, has appeared at Lon-donderry Magistrates' Coort charged with the rape and indecent second to favorable indecent assault of a woman in 1987. He pleaded not guilty.

Boy shot in eye

Kenneth Bones, 12, of Exeter, was shot in the eye with an air rifle, which a group of youths were firing on waste ground in the Beacon Heath district. A 13-year-old was arrested. but later released without charge. Doctors are trying to save Kenneth's sight.

Kwik Save fined

Kwik Save has been ordered to pay more than £7,000 in fines and costs by Coleford magistrates for selling sausage and onion pies, quiches and pasta that were up to three days past their sell-by date at a store in the Gloucestershire town.

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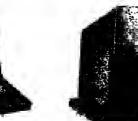
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Southampton Oceanography Centre, said yesterday: "No one can explain why these changes in the wave climate are happening, but we now have conclusive evidence that they are occurring on a global scale. It is possible they are an indicator of global warming." He said there were reports of the bigger waves causing more damage to ships, includ-ing the Royal Yacht Britannia and the Queen Elizabeth 2. Oil and gas rigs might soon need strengthening. Fish sci-entists at Lowestoft had pinpointed a link between marine food and wave heights, which may affect fish stocks, he said.

Giant waves

linked to

global

warming

BY NICK NUTTALL

SCIENTISTS have found that waves in the South Atlantic

have shrunk, while those in

the northeast of the ocean have

doubled in size. The phenome-non may be a further indica-tion of global warming.

New satellite readings show that, in the western Mediterra-

nean and the central South Atlantic, average wave heights

are half a metre smaller than

in the mid-1980s. But from the

tip of the Iberian peninsula, past Britain and north to Greenland, Atlantic waves are

almost twice their size of 40

Dr Peter Challenor, of

years ago.

of £15.4 million sales at the Mipcom fair in Cannes. SIC wants to make a Portuguese version of Yes, Minister and the new Swedish channel Guldkanalen has bought 100 episodes of EastEnders.

Wendy house ban

A Wendy house planned for Langley Manor School, Slough, Berkshire, has been rejected by South Buckinghamshire County Council because the off playhouse would be a new building in a green belt. Parents raised E10.000 for the play area.

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After years of loyalist attacks, a Catholic family fears vendetta by republican killers

Mother challenges the IRA Over death threats to her son

BY NICHOLAS WATT CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A ROMAN Catholic mother whose family has suffered at he hands of loyalists throughbut the Troubles issued a plea o the IRA yesterday to stop naking death threats to her

Jean Kennedy lost her prother in a loyalist gun attack and her husband was disabled by a bomb. Now her son Paul who survived a loyalist shooting - has been targeted by the republicans for alleged

drug-dealing. Mrs Kennedy, 53, vehe-mently denies the allegations made by the IRA cover group Direct Action Against Drugs, which has said it will kill 21-vear-old Mr Kennedy "sooner year-old Mr Kennedy "sooner or later". The group has killed eight Catholics in Belfast in the past 18 months for allegedly dealing.

Speaking at her terraced home in the Lower Ormeau area. Mrs Kennedy said: Paul is not, and never has been, a drug dealer. DAAD/IRA has put a death sentence on my son. This is why I have decided to go public and challenge DAAD to prove what they are saying. first threat came in May when You cannot and will not use your label to murder my son." suspected IRA members burst She said the truth was that into the house in search of



A death threat to Paul Kennedy was written on this wall. His mother painted it over

the IRA had targeted her son after he was involved in a fight with two local republicans. She said: "They don't like him. It's just a personal vendetta." The terrorists have mounted a carefully orchestrated cam-paign against the Kennedy in 1974. lamily which is designed to frighten them and the local community into silence. The

Paul. He barricaded himself nedy is a drug dealer" on a nearby wall. Mrs Kennedy painted over the message. in his bedroom, so they attacked his father, who lost and arm and part of his leg in the loyalist bombing of the She said that her family's life had become a "living hell". In 1992, her son survived after. Rose and Crown bar in Belfast being shot four times in a loyalist gun attack on a book-Last week the group issued a death threat in a telephone call to the house. This was

maker's shop near their home. He lost his best friend, James Kennedy, and Mrs Kennedy followed by a visit from a republican. Finally the terrorher brother. Billy lost ists scrawled the message "Icky [Paul's nickname] Ken-McManus.

After the shooting, in which

the Ulster Freedom Fighter killed five Catholics, Mrs Kennedy installed an iron gate at the bottom of their staircase to protect her family from loyalists. She said: "I put the security gate up because I was scared of the loyalists. But now I fear my own." She is so scared of an attack that she sleeps in the living room. She said: "I have to sleep on the setter. I don't know what it is to go to bed.

My whole family are prisoners in our own home. Paul is terrible, his nerves are wrecked. We are living through hell." However, she was adamant that she would not leave, despite living in an area where the republican movement has significant influence. She said: I would never leave. I intend to stay because my son has

done nothing wrong." Nancy Gracey, of the cam-paign group Outery, which highlighted the Kennedys' plight, paid tribute to the mother's bravery in speaking out She said: "The IRA seems to be using this drugs label quite freely to ry and justify murdering people. It is time that people followed Mrs Kennedy's example and spoke out against this. If we sit back and take this, there will be more deaths, there will be more





Mrs Kennedy installed a security gate after attacks

Developers

Inventor of whisky measurer is lost to France

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

SCOTLAND has been de prived of one of its most gifted inventors by a mistake in a reference book. Alexander Bain a crofter's son who invented the ticker-tape message system; the whisky optic and typewriter ribbons, is described as French in Great Inventions Through History, nublished by Chambers.

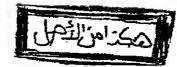
Yesterday Robert Burns, a retired professor who has been researching the inven-tor's life, was appalled: "Bain was 100 per cent Scottish," he said.

Elaine Higgleton, of Chambers, has promised that the next edition of the manual will have Bain listed with inventive fellow countrymen such as James Watt, Alexander Graham Bell and John Logie Baird:

Bain came up with ideas for scores of products, such as the-electric clock, which are now taken for granted. Despite his genrus for invention, he was a hopeless businessman, who died in poverty in his native Caithness in 1877.

He forgot to apply for the patent for the ticker tape message system which was used to send messages over long distances at 320 words per minute. The American inventor Samuel Morse adopted the technique and fought Bain in the courts until the Scotsman ran out of money and was







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'Everybody knows we should not be debating, we should be having a general election'

Blair sets out his alternative to 'pathetic' proposals

By ALICE THOMSON ANO JILL SHERMAN

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TONY BLAIR laid out his alternative Queen's Speech yesterday, providing MPs with a list of Bills that he would have announced had he been Prime Minister. The Labour Leader said his

Queen's Speech would have focused on education. the NHS and rebuilding "our fractured society". He said that the sole purpose of John Major's plans for the next session was to embarrass Labour. adding: "How pathetic." As Mr Blair opened the fiveday debate on the Queen's Speech, he told MPs he would be proud of the day that he saw a Prime Minister come to the dispatch box and say there would be a Bill that ended the "chaos" of the voucher scheme and provided for proper nurs-ery education for all four-year-

⁺l would like a Bill that phases out subsidies to private schools and uses the money to cut class sizes for all five, six and seven year-olds," he said. "And a Bill that reforms the way that our school system works, the training of teachers, new standards for school performance, tackles truancy and discipline, that allows schools to take account of children's different abilities but does not return us to the inequities of the old II-plus."

He also wanted a Health Bill that would end the Tory internal market in the NHS and return it "to its rightful place as a proper public service".

Mr Blair went on to demand Bills banning the sale of combat knives and halving the time taken by persistent young offenders to come tu court. "You could have a Bill for a statutory minimum wage to tackle the worst abuses of poverty pay. A Bill that allows the capital receipts tied up in council accounts to be used to build homes for the homeless.

We could have a Bill that allows the people of Scotland and Wales the chance to

OF NEW LAWS Grime sentences Bill, to introduce minimum sentences for repeat bur-giers and drugs dealers Firearms aill, to ban all handguns
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loctors' surge Social security fraud all, to allow cross-checking of benefit claims Northern Instand dec ning of weapons E Civil procedure BIE, to reform system of resolving civil disputes Merchant Shipping and Maritime Security Bill, to protect the coastline Local government and rating Bill, providing aid for village shops Transfer of crofting estates (Scol Crime and puntshment (Scot-land) Bill, to introduce tagging and obligatory life sentences

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The Government introduce the follo National heritage Bill, to allow lattery funding for heritage projects Compensation recovery Bill, to ensure that accident victims keep all damages awarded to them warded to the Ci Commonhold BB, setting up new torm of that ownership

determine their own governance. A Bill that gives London its own government to allow it to invigorate and innovate itself." The Government's only policy now was to drift. "I think

not be debating a Queen's Speech today, we should be having a general election." Mr Major was using the

"brazen old Tory trick" of pretending that although the party had been in power for 17 years it had no responsibility for the state Britain was in. He asked: "Who doubled crime to give us over 17 years the fastest growing crime rate in Europe? They did. Who undermined the NHS and smothered it

made the economic mistakes

of the late 1980s and early 90s FULL LIST

Education Bill, providing powers to deal with disruptive public and to

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- they did. If our society is torn and fractured as it is, I ask who in part fractured it? They did." He added: "We will mend this fractured society when those that fractured it, those

that said that there was no such thing as society are no longer governing our society . . This isn't a battle for a job. it should be a battle about a vision of this country's future." The Prime Minister rejected Mr Blair's claims that he was putting forward a "thin and argely irrelveant" pro-gramme of legislation ahead

of the general election. Outlining his proposed measures. Mr Major said: "By any yardstick, that is a meaty Oueen's Speech that we intend to carry through in the period between now and the election.

He said his proposals would build on economic success, help widen opportunity and choice and encourage personal responsibility. He promised the Commons a prudent Bud-

get next month, saying: "If we can safely cut taxes, we will. If we cannot, we will not." He denounced Mr Blair's "sanctimonious" response to the legislative programme. "I

don't know how you can disclaim responsibility for faults in society today when your own Labour Party has consistently championed every fashionable, politically correct cause that has undermined our traditional way of life and opposed every measure we have taken to redress the balance."

Paddy Ashdown called the speech as "a rag bag of irrelevant measures from a Government in its tormented twilight days". The Liberal Democrat leader said the legislative programme was more driven by what will wrongfoot the Opposition than what was right for the country. "No direction. No new ideas. No leadership. Nothing to meet the real needs of the country."

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Light duties: the Queen arriving yesterday in the diamond diadem she often uses for travelling. She chose it because of its light weight, Buckingham Palace said. But less comfortably, she braved the warm weather in a white fox cape

'My Government • will work towards a liberal, flexible, **European Union'**

This is an edited text of the Queen's speech to Parliament vesterday:

reventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction remains a priority. Early provision will be made for the ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. My Government will pursue negotiations on a convention to ban the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other explosive purposes.

In the European Union. my Government will work for an outcome to the inter-governmental conference which supports an outward-looking. economically liberal and flexible union based on a partnership of nations. They will promote policies to improve the union's competitiveness and economic wellbeing.

My Government will promote the further global liberalisation of trade, in particular at the ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organisation, and will continue to work for transatlantic free trade in this context.

tinue actively to support peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, encouraging full compliance with the Peace Agreement and promoting reconciliation between the former warring parties. Support will continue for the search for a durable peace in the Middle East. My Government will continue to work for a successful transfer of sovereignty of Hong Kong in 1997. They will work on behalf of its people to preserve their way of life and to promote the territory's cootinued stability and prosperity. founded on a high degree of autonomy and the rule of law. In Northern Ireland, my Government's priority will be to maintain progress towards peace, prosperity and recon-ciliation, based on a comprehensive political settle-

ment commanding widespread-support. They stand: ready to introduce legislation

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the strongest industrial economy in Western Europe in the medium term and doubling living standards over the next 25 years. They will promote fewer, better and simpler regulations to reduce unnecessary burdens on business.

My Government will con-

My Government will continue to support competitiveness through advancing knowledge, improving educational and skill levels and promoting a flexible, efficient labour market. Legislation will be introduced to widen choice and diversity, improve discipline and raise standards in schools. A Bill will be introduced to reform the sentencing and

supervision of serious, dangerous and persistent offenders so as to provide greater protection for the public. Legislation will be introduced to support the fight against organised crime, including establishing a National Crime Squad, A Bill will be introduced to strengthen controls on the ownership of fire arms. Legislation will be introduced to improve and develop primary healthcare services. A Bill will be brought forward to combat social security fraud.

egislation will be introduced to implement proposals cootained in the English and Welsh Rural White Papers in relation to parish and community councils and to provide rate relief for small village shops.

In Scotland, legislation will be introduced to abolish automatic early release from prison and to make other changes in the criminal justice system to improve public protection. A Bill will be brought forward to enable the transfer of publicly-owned crofting estates to crofting trusts.

My Government will introduce legislation to enable

the civil courts, and other

My Government will also

publish Bills in draft for

measures of law reform.



BY DOMINIC KENNEDY SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

OPPOSITION parties yesterday attacked the Government's proposals to allow GPs to run their surgeries in supermarkets, shopping malls and airports.

Smith, Shadow Chris Health Secretary, said that allowing private commercial companies to provide GP services "tears at the roots of the public service ethos". The relationship between the GP and patient would be fundamentally undermined if GPs were employed and their ser-vices provided by companies ranging from pharmaceutical manufacturers to supermarkets.

Simon Hughes, Liberal Democrat health spokesman raised similar concerns. There is no guarantee that the new types of primary care will be free from commercial self-interest acting against the interests of the patient. There is no guarantee that profits will not be made at patients' expense."

However, the British Medical Association said the reforms would help adventurous GPs with new ideas. Under the plan GPS will be able to run National Health Service surgeries in supermar-

o provid tor the accomm sioning of firearms, ammunition and explosives. They will maintain close and friendly relations with the Republic of

consultation on the introduc-Fiscal policy will continue to be set to bring the public tion of voluntary identity cards and on measures to help people make better provision sector borrowing requirement back towards balance over the medium term. My Government will reduce further the share of national income taken by the public sector. They

for their long-term care needs in old age. My Lords and members of the House of Commons, 1 pray that the blessing of

will continue to promote en-Almighty God may rest upon lerprise and further improve your counsels

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kets, shopping malls, airports

and rail stations. An NHS Bill to improve and develop primary care will liberate general practitioners from some of the regulations that prevent them from expanding their services.

They will be able to compete with private health companies, who are trying to import the American "doc-in-

a-shop concept to Britain. A fee-paying surgery has already opened at Victoria Station in London, appealing to commuters who want GPstyle care but cannot take the day off work to consult a doctor at home in the suburbs. At present every GP has an

individual employment contract with a health authority. The Bill will allow outside organisations, including private companies and supermarkets, to employ GPs. Patients would still be on a

named doctor's list and the service would be provided by the NHS but the responsibility for running it would rest with the employer, under a contract

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with the health authority. The reforms will allow GPs running thriving surgeries to

expand by hiring other doctors, nurses and staff to perform specific tasks. **Stately home owners** to get cash grants

BY ALICE THOMSON POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Government plans to land, buildings, works of art free up National Lottery funds and other objects of outstandto pay for a wide range of ing importance to the national heritage projects, including heritage, as well as better grants to private property facilities for their display. owners of stately homes.

Ministers yesterday denied that they would be stealing A Bill will make funds available to hard-up owners of from the poor to pay for the historic homes as well as houses of the rich. Owners heritage sites such as piers, will have to be means-testeed before they get any help with the up-keep of their buildings. Owners of listed cottages will theatres and museums. The proposals were welcomed by heritage groups.

The National Heritage Mealso be eligible for help. morial Fund will now have far Owners will have to prove greater scope. It was created in 1980 to provide money to buy their property is of benefit to the public.



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Drug smugglers and crime gangs to be tackled by national squad

BY RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS plan to have a unified police force to combat organised crime such as large scale drug smuggling and dealing in England and Wales within 19 months.

Police are also to be given the statutory right to enter private property and plant bugging devices against targeted criminals The new National Crime Squad

will be formed by amalgamating the six existing regional crime

squads and will have its own chief constable. Officers from the 43 police forces in England and Wales will be seconded to the squad which will be accountable to its own authority. It is expected that about 1,000 officers will be in the

squad, which will have an annual budget of about £90 million. The squad will investigate organised crime across force boundaries, but according to the Home Office will begin inquiries only at the invitation of individual chief constables. The Police Bill will also put

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covert surveillance by forces in England and Wales on a similar basis to MI5. Police have been carrying out major surveillance operations, including breaking into people's homes to plant bugging devices, on the authority of chief constables under guidelines laid down by the Home Secretary in 1984. Their activities have not had a statutory basis. Senior officers were concerned that without it, they could be liable to civil action for

trespass. The Bill will introduce a formal system for authorisation by chief officers, with a new independent commissioner to oversee the arrangements and investigate complaints of improper authorisation.

A Criminal Records Agency is to be set up for England and Wales to allow employers to get information about the past history of job applicants. All employers will be entitled to ask applicants to present a document disclosing any unspent conviction. An offence for which a prison sentence of 2¹/₂ years or more is imposed is never removed

three types of check: a criminal about £20 by a job applicant; a full check; and an enhanced check for those seeking work with children or in the gaming and betting industry, which would include convictions or cautions for minor offences and information known to the police including decisions not to prosecute, acquittals and known associates The power to obtain a full criminal records check" will extend

from the record. Under govern- to dental hygienists, opticans; vets, ment proposals there would be chartered accountants, firefighters, barristers and solicitors. conviction certificate obtainable for ... Penal reform groups and probation staff associations strongly

opposed the plans and said it would make it much more difficult. for ex-offenders to find employment. Mr Howard's plans to introduce . a voluntary Identity Card Bill before the general election have been abandoned because of fears it would fuel divisions within the

Conservative Party. In an attempt to persuade the

public that the Government remains committed to the proposal. the Home Office promised yesterday to publish a draft Bill for the introduction of a voluntary identity card scheme.

Under the Home Secretary's proposal a voluntary identity card combined with the new photocard driving licence would be introduced; a separate card would be available for non-drivers and another separate photocard driv-ing licence could be used by those who did not wish to carry the identity document.

Tags and curfews for petty criminals

BY RICHARD FORD

PERSISTENT perty offenders will face electronic tagging linked to curfews. The new power would be an alternative. o fines and to imprisoning fine defaulters.

As expected, the key features of the Crime (Sentences) Bill will be tougher Americanstyle penalties for repeat violent and sexual offenders. persistent burglars and dealers in hard drugs.

Michael Howard wants the Bill, which will be strongly resisted in the Lords and by the judiciary, to pass its parliamentary stages by the end of February. It would then receive Royal Assent before the general election.

The proposals for longer sentences would not be intro-duced until at least 12 more jails were built for the estimated 10.000 increase in prison population Life sentences would be automatically imposed for second-time rapists and serious violent offenders. A minimum of three years would be imposed on bur-glars aged over 18 with two or more similar convictions and of seven years on dealers in Class A drugs with two or more similar convictions. Pa-

role and automatic early release would be abolished. Prisoners would earn a small reduction by good behaviour. they must be kept safely Paul Cavadion chairman of under lock and key at property the Penal Alfairs Consortium. If run centres, I believe that is said: "Mandatory sentences the Penal Affairs Consortium. the right way to deal with it will do nothing to reduce but the House will make its the crime but a great deal to _ produce serious injustice."

Retired solicitors may become judges to speed up courts

By FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

RETIRED City solicitors may be given the chance to sit as judges under Government reforms to cut delays and costs in the civil courts, Sir Richard Scott, head of civil justice, said

yesterday. Sir Richard, who as vice-chancellor also heads the High Court Chancery divi-sion, was outlining the next stage in implementing the Woolf reforms which will see a revolution in the way civil disputes are handled.

Yesterday the Government announced a Bill - described by Sir Richard as a "necessary preliminary step" - which will lay the framework for a single set of procedures for the High Court and county courts. But he said he was already going ahead on the basis that whe Woolf package of reforms was supported by the Government.

One key question was the need for extra judicial manpower under the reforms which will see judges taking on the task of actively manag-ing trials. Sir Richard said that studies now being carried out could show a need for more judges at district judge level to carry out the task of "managing" trials by setting strict timetables and deadlines for all the various stages.

If so, he said he would like to explore if senior lidgation solicitors "who nowadays re-tire quite early and who probably have no great finan-cial problems but don't want

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to be bored" could sit parttime as deputy masters or deputy district judges.

In that way, they would make good use of their case management skills which they had built up over the years, he added. "There is potentially a

pool of excellent talent that 1 would like to tap. It seems to be it would be an excellent thing for the system and assist in the implementation of

Next week Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, is outlining the Government's full response to the Woolf reforms. Lord Woolf. now the Master of the Rolls, recently expressed concern that lack of resources not be used as an "excuse" for stall-ing on the reforms.

Yesterday, Sir Richard underlined the need for firm Government backing. He said

he was hoping that Lord Mackay would give a commit-ment in principle to imple-menting Woolf "as a whole".

That would involve a commitment to provide the funds that are necessary as well as providing any extra manpower resources that were needed, he said. But in the meantime, he was proceeding on the as-

sumption" that they would be forthcomin Top of the agenda was the training of all the judges who would sit on civil disputes district, circuit and High Court - which was "essen-

court to handle disputes up to £10,000 with fixed costs, Sir Richard said he had originally been against the idea of a pilot project before implementation. However, while his mind was not yet made up, he had

favour. He said he understood the necessary resources would be provided to the Judicial Studies Board to carry out the training programme, it was part of his role, he added, as

were needed and for civil justice generally which had often suffered at the expense of criminal and family justice. He has sent a letter to nearly 2,000 judges urging them to adopt the spirit of Woolf "as far as they are able to". The timetable envisaged for the reforms includes a target date

for full implementation in

Teachers welcome more

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

WEAPONS

Labour

promises

free vote

on guns

THE Labour leadership tried to isolate the Tory party over the banning of handguns yesterday by indicating that its MPs will be allowed a free vote even if the Government whips its MPs into line.

The move brings Labour into line with each of the other opposition parties who have pledged to conduct a conscience vote when the Bill comes to the Commons. John Major made clear yesterday that the Government would not shift on its plans to hold a

whipped vote. Although Tony Blair called last week for a free vote across the Commons, senior figures went further yesterday by pledging that Labour MPs would be allowed to vote according to conscience. George Robertson, the Shadow Scottish Secretary, who has led Labour's campaign oo guns since the Dunblane massacre, said that the party wanted the issue to be nonpolitical and would hold a free vote irrespective of the Government's decision.

Labour, Liberal Democrats, eliminate handguns larger than 22 calibre, 80 per cent of the total.

The Government is likely to in heers annothiced! already on. need the backing of the nine gun control, but he added: "If" Ulster Unionist MPs, who we are banning 160,000 hand-



have indicated support for its proposals, to avert defeat. The Unionists are expected to be given a free vote.

Mr Blair increased pres-sure on Mr Major to support a total ban on handguns after the Dunblane tragedy, in which 16 school pupils and their teacher were murdered. Responding to the Queen's Speech, Mr Blair, said that Labour welcomed what had

guns, presently lawfully held, what is the case for leaving the remaining 40,000 at large

Mr Blair said that if .22 handguns could do similar damage to the guns that inflicted death and injury at Dunblane, then all handguns: should be banned: "Let the 80 per cent solution become the 100 per cent solution and Parliament will have done the will of the people." Mr Major said that al-

The Prime Minister said the Government had gone further than the recommendations in the Cullen report. "Many people will still be able to own handguns but . they .

though there were differences

own judgment."

of opinion in the Commons. the overwhelming belief was

that legislation should be

enacted as soon as possible.



Scottish Nationalists and a handful of Tory backbenchers have voiced their support for a free vote and for a total ban on handguns, rather than the Government's proposals to

tial". On the controversial proposal for a "fast track"

heard strong arguments in

head of civil justice, to "fight his corner" for the funds that

October 1988,

discipline in classroom

BY DAVID CHARTER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

SCHOOL governors will have

the final say on whether John

Major's vision of a grammar

school in every town becomes

a reality.

selective.

SCOTLAND

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

CROFTERS could soon own the land they now reot - in some cases without spending a penny. Scotland's biggest single landowner, the Scottish Office, is planning to transfer 250,000 acres of the Highlands and Islands to community-based crofters' trusts. It is understood that some estates could be given away. The plans include transfer-

ring mineral and sporting rights, and money will be made available for start-up COSTS. The move will affect 1,440

crofters who pay rent to the Agriculture Department. It will make no difference to the 16.239 crofters who come

der private landlords. Yesterday crofting organisations expressed suspicion that the proposals might just be a money-saving exercise. The Scottish Office receives about £150,000 a year from rents and rights on its 55. crofting estates and spends some £370,000 on upkeep.

The proposals for greater selection in the Education Bill, although less radical than originally foreseen by the detentions. Prime Minister, will still cause the biggest political arguments. Opposition parties will support moves in the Bill for stronger disciplinary mea-sures and more assiduous

monitoring of standards. In the battle ahead on selection, the Government can count on the support of Ulster Unionists, given that Northern Ireland's schools are fully

The Bill will let grant-Labour. maintained schools select up to half their pupils by ability or aptitude tests, and local authority schools to choose up to a fifth. The Bill is expected to be a priority in the Government's schedule and may be Teachers welcomed the pro-

posed powers for dealing with disruptive pupils. Giving schools the ability to suspend would

SCHOOLS for 45 days at a time instead of 15 is intended to stem the rising ride of expulsions. Schools will also gain the same right as the police to detain children, to help them to fight back against parents who refuse to sanction Labour claimed that some

of the Bill's proposals were need." hijacked from its policies. especially on standards. Both target-setting for schools and baseline testing - formally assessing children when they start primary school -- featured in Labour's policy document Excellence for Everyone. Contracts that which would require parents to agree to school discipline policies as a condition of a place for their child were also promoted by Labour will oppose the mea-

sures on selection, grant-maintained schools and quired." increasing the Assisted Places Scheme, a subsidy for poorer families to help with indepenin dent school fees. David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, said that greater freedom to select pupils diminish parental

rights, not increase them. David Hart, general secre-tary of the National Association of Head Teachers, welcomed the moves on discipline but opposed increased selection. "Parents will have even less choice than they have now, and will be faced with schools choosing pupils. An extension of selection will do nothing to improve the achievement of those most in Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Asso-

ciation of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said the proposals on disci-pline failed to address "the most serious problem, which is an ever-increasing number of hard-core violent disrupters in our schools. Only the reestablishment of sufficient numbers of special schools for youngsters with serious emo-tional and behavioural problems will provide the immediate relief urgently re-

Mr de Gruchy, whose members have threatened to strike a series of cases over disruptive pupils, said moves to "put morality on the curriculum" were "piffling non-solutions". He said: "Morality is caught, not taught."

Shipowners

to foot cost

of clean-up

Benefit cheats to face big penalties in crackdown

BY JILL SHERMAN CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BENEFIT cheats will face fixed penalties under a new crackdown on social security fraud which costs the taxpayer

£3 billion a year. If it passes, the Fraud Bill will allow social security officers to check on those they suspect of fraud and impose on-the-spot fines of up to 100 per cent of the benefit claimed 2019 falsely. This would be accomplated by a formal caution, and a repeat offence could

mean court action. The fines are expected to work in a similar way to fixed penafties now imposed by the land Revenue, Tax dodgers who fail to pay capital gains

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ber. The second part of the Bill deals specifically with housing and council tax benefit fraud. tax are fined up to 100 per cent The two benefits represent 15 of the amount owed, once they per cent of total social security have paid back the original expenditure but 25 per cent of fraud sum owed The Bill from Peter Lilley,

Legislation will be introduced to set up an inspectorate to monitor anti-fraud work. If the Social Security Secretary, will, if agreed, also ensure that fraudsters are easier to track the inspectorate finds that local councils are not effectivly down by cross-checking computer information. In future. tackling fraud they will be social security officers will be able to impose penalties on the able to cross-check data from authority. the Inland Revenue and the The Government also hopes Customs and Excise to see if

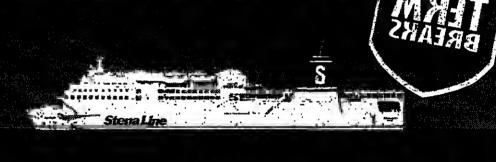
to introduce a compensation people paying tax - and recovery scheme to allow accitherefore working - are also dent victims to keep all of their damages awarded for pain The Bill will also make it and suffering while making easier to prosecute people who the compensators liable for make fraudulent attempts to any benefits paid pending get a national insurance oumsettlement.

POLLUTION A CLAMPDOWN oo ships

spilling toxic chemicals and oil into the seas around Britain is to be introduced (Nick Nuttall writes).

The Merchant Shipping and Maritime Security Bill sets out maximum compensa-tion of £135 million for victims of such spills. It includes several of the recommendations made in Lord Donaldson's report into the Braer oil tanker accident off Shetland in 1993.

The Bill will also require companies responsible for a spill to cover the cost of emergency response by the Government's Marine Pollution Control Unit.



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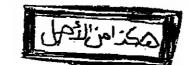
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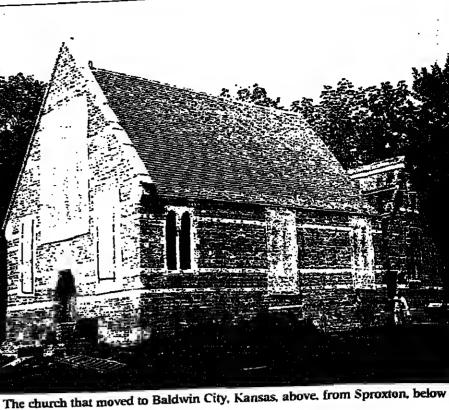
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BARONESS THATCHER yesterday rededicated an old Methodist chapel, where her father once preached and which has been rebuilt in

America. The abandoned chapel was dismantled in the Leicestershire village of Sproxton, near Grantham last year and shipped across in crates after it was bought by a Methodist university in Baldwin City, Kansas. Reassembled, it now stands resplendent at the centre of the college green on campus of Baker University.

Its ironstone walls and claytiled roof gleam after a cleanup operation removed more than a century of grime, and the sun squints into the simple wooden interior through its impressive stained-glass windows

The chapel was originally built in the Gothic Revival style in 1864 on land donaled by a local draper named John Coy in Sproxion, not far from Lady Thatcher's hometown of Grantham.

Alfred Roberts, the former prime minister's father and a popolar lay preacher, visited

The relocation of the chapel was the brain-child of Daniel Lambert, the president of Baker University, who fell that the Methodist-affiliated college ought to have a link to the denomination's British roots. The project was financed with \$1 million (£629,000) from R.R. Osborne, a 92-

Dole's chances melting away in the Florida heat

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN MIAMI

election] by how you vote. You will also decide by whether you vote," was his refrain at BOB DOLE rushed south to shore up his crumbling support in Florida late yesterday as President Clinton sought to every stop. administer the death blow to mined to win America's fourth his opponent's flailing campaign - and secure his own

Sunshine State.

largest state ever since 1992 when he erroneously deemed landslide re-election — with a Florida beyond his reach but lost to President Bush by just two-day rampage through the Florida was supposedly the cornerstone of Mr Dole's elec-100.000 votes out of 5.3 million casl. That year he spent tion strategy. It has long been considered the most reliably \$50,000 on television advertisements. This year he has Republican of America's spent millions, visited six mega-states, voting Republi-can in nine of the past II times and even risked a trade presidential elections. But in order to win it over. By far the largest bloc of even here Mr Clinton has

moved narrowly ahead in the polls and Tom Slade, Florida's Republican chairman, admits that "nothing short of a political miracle" can now save the state Mr Dole considers his second home. Mr Clinton's swing through Florida seemed more of a victory lap than an attempt to attract votes. On Tuesday afternoon a polyglot throng of about 8,000 waited for three

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munity college, "This is Clin-ton country," declared Lawton Chiles, Florida's Governor, to total — are the pensioners living in Florida's countless roars of approval and fervent retirement communities and chants of "Four More Years". That night hundreds of Florin "Condo Canyon", the long ida millionaires packed into strip of high-rise condomini Coral Gables' opulent Biltums that lines the Atlantic more Hotel to applaud the coast from Miami to Bal President and pump a further Harbour where the Doles have their flat. \$2 million (£1.3 million) into

"Condo commandos" in his Florida campaign. Yestereach building ensure that the day he enjoyed another rappensioners turn out in huge turous reception in Daytona Beach. Supremely confident, numbers and Mr Clinton has Mr Clinton never even menwhipped them up with shametioned Mr Dole. His principal less demagogic advertisments concern is no longer winning claiming Mr Dole would slash votes but ensuring they are cast. "You will decide [the Medicare, the federal health insurance programme for the

Danish veto is 'purely technical measures against the United

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Helveg Petersen, the Danish

Foreign Minister, said yester-

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Copenhagen: Denmark has insisted that its threat to veto States, it is just that we cannol the European Union's plan lo retaliate over Washington's controversial Helms-Burton anti-Cuba trade laws is purely lechnical and that it op-

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poses the procedure not the principle, hinting efforts are trying to find an alternative afoot to solve the impasse basis oo which to proceed."

ional chairman, said.

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elderly. Older voters, acutely aware of their own limitations. are also the ones most deterred by Mr Dole's age. Mr Clinton has wooed Mr Clinton has been deter-Forida's environmentalists with an ambitious programme to save the endan-

gered Everglades, but the other powerful Florida voting bloc is Cuban-Americans who can account for up to 15 per cent of the total vote. They are normally staunch Republicans, but not this year. war with the European Union

the EU. Mexico and Canada voters - nearly a third of the - a Bill to punish foreign companies using confiscated American property in Cuba. The Republican Congress meanwhile has angered not

only Cuban-Americans but also the legions of Latin Americans living in this multi-ethnic state by seeking to deny federal benefits to legal immigrants and make English America's official language They are trying to obtain votes from people who are racist," protested Alvaro Arencibia, a young Cuban-American at the Miami rally whose 86-year-old grandmoth er is being forced to take American citizenship to pro-

Mr Clinton delighted them

tect her social security. Miami's two Cuban-American Republican congressmen have broken ranks with their party on these issues and a recent poll indicated a doubling of Mr Clinton's Cuban-American support, to 41 per

Among Cuban-Americans under 50 he is actually winning. "For the first time in a generation the Cuban vote is play," Rob Schroth, a Washington pollster, said.

fied elsewhere in the treaty and is viewed with suspicion by governments wary of too much authority from Brussels. The other 14 EU member states have, nevertheless, accepted the use of Article 235 in the Helms-Burton case. Denmark, bowever, has been made especially sensitive to



was shottered in 1988 and subsequently bought hy Baker University.

A group of 25 British villagers from the Sproxton area, who arrived in Kansas

last Thursday for the rededication ceremony, expressed deligbt at seeing the familiar chapel in its new location. "It looked really marvellous," said Annie Stockwell, one of

the last surviving church members, who was married it was in Sproxton. I could not have wished for better. If a place is closed something has got to be done with it. If it. stands there it will just deteriorate."

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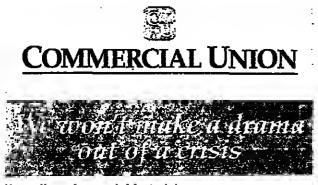


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Republicans set to ditch candidate for sake of Congress

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

REPUBLICAN campaign races comes in the wake of chiefs are urging the party's polls suggesting that the Demcandidates for Congress to cut ocrats' chances of regaining their links with Bob Dole's control of the House of Reprecampaign for the presidency sentatives are rising.

According to a New York Times/CBS News survey of in a last-ditch attempt to save their seats. In a dramatic new tactic, they are telling voters who are likely to back Presicongressional support, 47 per cent of voters favour Demodent Clinton to back Republicratic candidates, while 39 per cans in congressional races to cent back Republicans. The avoid giving the Democrats overall control of Washington. Democratic congressional lead is smaller than Mr Clin-ton's lead over Mr Dole. "ff Clinton is re-elected, which the overnight poll for USA Today/CNN/Gallup put heaven forbid, the last thing the American people want is for him to have a blank cheque at 19 points. But it is large in the form of a liberal Democrat Congress," Haley enough to suggest that Democrats could win the 18 seats Barbour, the Republican natnecessary to retake the House, although the Senate presents a The new tactics have split the party strategists. Eddie greater challenge.

Democrats are struggling to Mahe, a long-standing Repubreverse the rout of 1994 when lican consultant, argues that the campaign should not "pull the trigger too soon" on Mr their rivals seized back both houses of Congress for the first time in 40 years. Voters were Dole, but other party insiders acutely disenchanted with Mr say that if they do not do so, the voters will beat them to it. Clinton in the first two years of his presidency, but they have since found Newt Gingrich, the Speaker of the House, With Mr Clinton's lead over Mr Dole in the race for the

unpalatably radical. Despite the Republicans' presidency apparently unas-sailable, the electoral battle is vulnerability, the Clinton campaign has been strikingly focusing on control of the House of Representatives and reluctant to spend time and Senate. The Republican admission that Mr Dole may be money on supporting congresa liability in congressional sional candidates.

Trump buys right to run Miss Universe

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

tN A meeting of like minds. the multi-millionaire New pageant has surrendered to complaints of sexism and York property developer and these days places equal implayboy Donaid Trump has portance on "character". Conpaid "tens of millions of testants must give, often dollars" to become impresario absurd, speeches on their of the Miss Universe beauty policies and are asked to contest. It looks like a triumph display talents such as acting, for political incorrectness. music or singing. Mr Trump intends to "give

In the smooth palms of Mr the people what they want". He has indicated that he will Trump, however, Miss Universe will be a parade of keep the girls in their swim-suits and that under his slightly clad lovelies.

Details of his deal were not stewardship the emphasis of disclosed, but it was reported the show will remain. resohe had bought the rights not lutely, good looks and pneuonly to Miss Universe but also to Miss USA and Miss The rival Miss America Teen USA.

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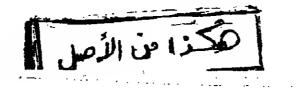
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Chirac addressing the Palestinian Legislature

Chirac renews call for EU role in seeking Middle East peace monised by many on the Israeli Right, made his appeal at the West Bank town of Ramallah in a speech to the 88-seat Palestinian Legisla-ture - the first since its foundation by a foreign head of state. PRESIDENT CHIRAC set France

on a new collision course with the United States yesterday by repeat-ing demands for a central role for Europe in the flagging Middle East peace process despite earlier strong refusals from Israet and Washington by a foreign head of state, Fresh from verbal clashes with Israeli security guards in Jerusa-tem's Old City, the French leader outlined his goal of a new political Washington. role for France and the European M Chirac, hailed as a "valiant

knight" in the Arab media and de-Union at a moment when many fear the 1993 peace deal between

collapse, "In this process, the United States

has played an essential role and we can never thank them enough for what they have done," M Chirac told deputies who greeted his call for a Palestinian state with a rapturous ovation. "Today, howhas somehow run out of hreath and there is a certain deterioration of confidence between the sides.

France and the European Union can build confidence." The French leader, who chose to

gnore the flat rejection earlier in the week by Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, and David Levy, his Foreign Minister, of his demands for a new European role, told the Palestinians that "we getting close to securing an accord between the right-wing Israeti Gov-ernment and the Palestinians over tsraeli troop redeployment in Hewill contioue to mobilise the [Eurobron might pose difficulties for pean! Union to ensure that its political role be commensurate with other EU members. They noted that Britain - whose Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifits economie commitment so that it

becomes a co-sponsor of the peace process". Diptomats said that M Chirae's high-profile demand for a Euro-pean role as American mediation is

kind, is due in Jerusalem next month — would be keen to avoid offending America and Germany had historical reasons for not crossing Israel.

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Senior US State Department officials disclosed that Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, had asked the Europeans, especially the French, to stay involved in the peace process hut not to complicate the leading role played by America.

Lebed dismisses Kremlin 'proof' of plot to stage coup

RUSSIAN prosecutors have reportedly received documentary evidence showing that Aleksandr Lebed, the sacked National Security Adviser, was plotting to overthrow the Government hy force, According to Interior Minis-

iry sources quoted by Itar-Tass last night the papers "confirmed every word" of accusations made-last week by Anatoli Kulikov, the Interior Minister, whose charges ultimately led to General Lebed's dismissal

General Kulikov, who was engaged in weeks of public feuding with the outspoken former paratrooper, said that General Lebed was laying the foundations for a 50,000-man Russian Legion which would be under his command. He also said General Lebed had plotted to use 1,500 Chechen rebel fighters to help in to seize power in a "coup", It was not immediately clear last night if the announcement from the Interior Ministry was the parting shot in the war of words between the two generals, or whether the authorities do really intend to try to prosecute General Lebed. Minister, appeared jittery yes-terday when he addressed the whose popularity continues to rise.

Certainly, he seemed typi-

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

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cally unflustered by the allegaand warned its officers not to tions. Before setting off on holiday yesterday he dis-missed the allegations as noninvolved in extremist get politics While the situation in Russense. "Where are the crowds

sia now is relatively calm, or the lists of plotters caught there is a real threat of renewed political turmoil next month when President Yeltsin by our esteemed Interior Min-ister?" he asked. "Where are their bases? Where do they is scheduled to undergo open store their arms? Where are heart surgery and Mr Chernomyrdin is supposed to stand in as Head of State. these Chechens coming to the

In spite of his denials, there Although the Russian Prime Minister did not name those is concern in the Kremlin that his sacking, combined with the general disgruntlement in the armed forces, could attempting to coerce the security services, he said they were taking advantage of the country's newly installed dempresage some sort of armed ocratic reforms to "create extremist, militarised, terrorist General Lebed has twice given warning that the mili-tary could "mutiny" this au-tumn because the Govern-

and other formations". He told the senior FSB officers that it was their duty to prevent their agents "allowing themselves to be dragged into conflict between various political groups".

Although he did not specify further, he could have been talking about General Lebed when he concluded his speech with this remark: "It is impossible not to see the gravitation lowards a strong hand, to-wards simple, effective but

essentially forceful methods of resolving problems accumu-Federal Security Service (FSB), the successor the KGB, lating in society in unconstitutional ways."



Norway's leader bows out amid UN job reports

OVERSEAS NEWS

THE Prime Minister of Norway, Gro Harlem Brundt-land, said yesterday that she would resign tomorrow. The surprise resignation provoked speculation that she would seek to become the first woman Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Mrs Brundtland, who has dominated Norwegian politics for the past IS years, stunned the country by telling Parliament that she would step down to make way for her protege. Thorbjoern Jagland. She said she would ask King Harald V to name Mr Jagland, the leader of the governing Labour Party, as her successor and that the country's policies would remain

Mrs Brundtland, who was Mrs Brundtland, who was Prime Minister three times and governed for almost 12 years, said she had timed her resignation two weeks before the Labour Party's convention to enable it to prepare for the general election set for next September.

Her sudden departure has fuelled speculation that she was angling to succeed Boutros Boutros Ghali as UN Secretary-General when his five-year term expires at the end of the year.

A doctor by training, whose first ministerial post, as Environment Minister. came in 1974, Mrs Brundtland, 57, has

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FROM JAMES BONE, UNITED NATIONS CORRESPONDENT long been an outspoken champion of developing countries, women's rights and the envi-ronment. She chaired the UN's World Commission on Environment and Development which produced the socalled Brundtland report on development strategy and led to the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. A respected voice on UN issues, Mrs Brundiland's name often surfaces as a possible UN Secretary-General. This year she discussed the post with Made-leine Albright, Washington's UN Ambassador, who has vowed to veto a second term for Dr Boinros Ghali.

Mrs Brundtland, however, was coy last night about her international ambitions. Asked about her plans, she said she had planned to return to the back benches, but joked: Nothing is alien to me."

Her resignation comes as the race to succeed Dr Boutros Ghali heats up, with Washington expected to cast a formal veto against him. African nations are Irying to find another African to succeed Dr Boulros Ghali, an Egyptian. Among the potential African candidates are Salim Salim, Secretary-General of the Organisation of African Unity; Hamid Algabid, the leader of the Islamic Conference Organisation, and Kofi Annan, the head of UN peacekeeping.





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Bordellos told to bolt down beds

FROM MARK FULLER IN AMSTERDAM

AMSTERDAM city council is ordering brothel own-ers to bolt down beds to prevent over-ardent clients and prostitutes from falling off and injuring themselves, and window prostitutes will have to be seated behind reinforced glass, as part of a new licensing system for the city's sex industry. Following the failure of

a Bill to legalise brothels, the Dutch capital has set system with strict health and safety regulations, designed to convert the clandestine sex industry into a "normal business".

A recent inspection of 250 brothels revealed that more than half failed to meet the new regulations, which govern everything from the minimum size of the room to the legal status of the prostitute. The t60 suspect brothels will receive official notice in two weeks that they are not eligible for a licence, and if they fail to correct the defence policy. Britain would situation, they will be oppose giving the EU control closed down. over the Western European

tourists and residents in Rome - not to mention its ancient buildings - the authorities yesterday banned cars without estalytic converters from the city centre. But the ban only lasted from 3pm to 8pm, and there was little immediate impact on the haze that hung in the autumn sunshine.

Catalytic converters became mandatory on new vehicles six years ago, and yesterday motorists unable to prove that their vehicles were fitted with one were fined £40 on the spot. The ban was imposed by Francesco Rinelli, the goahead young Mayor of Rome, who is keen to reduce pollution and congestion ahead of the millennium celebrations, when Rome expects at least 30 million visitors. Rome has also tried this week to persuade the

In Rome, Milan and Turin, officially recorded carbon monoxide levels regularly go above the "danger level" of 15 milligrams per cubic metre of air. According to medical stud-ies conducted on behalf of the Rome traffic police, in the past 20 years 557 policemen have died from cancerous tumours attributable to air pollution, much of it caused by car exhausts rather than industrial emissions.

Experimental bans on cars have been tried before - most recently in January - but this time the area of the ban was widened, with motorists whose vehicles did not have catalytic converters obliged to leave them beyond the ring goods.

road round the city. Emergency vehicles such as ambulances were exempted, as were International Olympie Com-mittee that it is is the ideal

mopeds, scooters and delivery vehicles carring perishable Portillo attacks plan for EU defence role

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

BRITAIN hopes to avert a Union, a defence grouping of possible crisis with France European states given powers and Germany over their plans this year to act as the Eurofor the European Union to be pean arm of Nato. able to launch its own defence Europe had a common deinitiatives, but it will insist on

fence - the Atlantic Alliance, he said. "We have benefited from that for nearly 50 years; does not need to be reit created now." However, Mr Portillo, who said last year that Britons would never "die for Brussels", hoped some compromise on defence could be reached at the present negotiations to revise the Maastrichi treaty.

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Bardot family sues over book

retaining its veto and on keeping Nato as Europe's sole military structure, Michael

Portillo, the Defence Secre-

Speaking in Brussels a day

after France and Germany

launched the plan, he said be

was "depressed" by continen-

tal efforts to create a common

tary, said yesterday.

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

3RIGITTE BARDOT's forner husband and son asked a French judge to halt the sale of ier best-selling memoirs yeserday, claiming that they

3 a "nauseating" and unair portrait of them and citing ove letters written by the mer actress to suggest her mory is faulty.

In her book. Initials B.B., hich has sold 400,000 copies nce it was published last

month, Mme Bardot depicts be deleted and that existing her ex-husband, the former actor Jacques Charrier, as violent, macho, seedy and drunk, lawyer Karen Berreby argued before the Paris Tribu-

nal vesterday. Mme Bardot, 62, writes that she did not want to have their son, Nicolas, and hoped for a miscarriage. describing him as "a tumour that was feeding off me". The child was born on January II, 1960.

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OVERSEAS NEWS

Hong Kong official was 'informer for Peking'

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

MEMBERS of the Hong Kong Legislative Council suggested yesterday that Lawrence Leung, the former director of immigration. hirnished Peking with the names of Hong Kong residents se-cretly holding British passports and gave local identity papers 10 Chinese illegally entering the colony. He may also have disclosed to Peking the names of Chinese dissidents sheltering in Hong Kong.

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A council member issued a warning that if the allegations proved true they would damage Hong Kong's international standing. At the end of a robust debate, the council voted overwhelmingly to hold public hearings on the Leung case. The hearings were opposed by Woon-kwong Lam, Secretary for the Civil Service, who said the allegations were fanciful speculations in which there was "no public interest". The Government has insisted since Mr Leung retired on a day's notice last summer that it was for "personal reasons".

Mr Leune, who served for 31 years, has maintained that that was the case. Selina Chow, a councillor special-

ising in security matters, said the Leung case could affect "the entire image of Hong Kong". She referred to allegations concerning what she termed "too close a relationinto Canada. ship with China", giving rise to fears that Mr Leung might They included the allegation that Mr Leung had furnished the Chinese with thousands of have revealed state secrets to

Peking The Hong Kong Govern-ment, she said, had received names of Hong Kong citizens with the right of abode in "unflattering" information Britain. This was a reference to the 50,000 Hong Kong about Mr Leung and forced him to retire. That may have people and their dependants been a reference tu reports that who in 1990, after Tiananmen, were given British passports the Canadian Government had warned the authorities on a confidential basis. Mr here that people purporting to Leung is also alleged to have

UN warning to Britain

1997, despite Chinese reti-cence. At present, Britain is Geneva: Britain was warned by members of a United Nations monitoring body obliged to give a regular yesterday that it will be legalaccount to the UN panel of its observance of the Internaly responsible for the surveillance of human rights in tional Covenant on Civil and Hong Kong after the hand-over to Chinese rule (Peter **Political Rights.** China has not signed the

Capella writes). covenant and has argued that Io a nne-day hearing on the future of the colony, the UN Human Rights Committee it will not be required to apply its standards in Hong Kong after the transfer of called for continued reportsovereignty. Britain proming on the situation after July ised to keep monitoring.

be Hong Kong citizens or given permits to settle in Hong Chinese dissidents living in Kong to many more Chinese citizens than regulations Hong Kong and bearing false allowed. She also alleged that documents had sought entry Mr Leung "possibly" had furnished Peking with the Other questions were yet more painful, Mrs Chow said. names of Chinese dissidents

permitted to live in Hong Kong Cheung Man-kwong, another councillor, accused the Government of "acting in a black box" and of being unwilling to confirm the truth. That had encouraged a loss of confidence in the Govern-ment, he said, which was "covering up a major issue of public interest".

Challenging government assertions that Mr Leung was allowed to retire at his request last July with a full pension, Mr Cheung asked if the Gov-ernment had taken the initiaove by giving Mr Leung ten hours to leave his post, or if it had "warned, suggested or forced him to use a private reason tu retire".

Last week, when Chris Patten, the Governor, was asked if he would characterise Mr Leung's service as excellent, he said merely: "He worked for the Hong Kong Government for many years."



C.H. Tung, who said a Chief Executive will be chosen within a month

Two of Patten's would-be successors go public on future of colony

By JONATHAN MIRSKY

TWO of the four men competing to win Peking's selection as Hong Kong's first Chief Executive, the post-1997 equivalent of Guvernor, set nut their policies in public for the first time vesterday. Personalities aside, they sounded distinctly alike. That is because all four are

Speaking yesterday were C.H. Tung, 59, a shipping tycoon and long-time favourite of Peking and

Gladys, is a QC and his political London, and Simon Li, 74, a retired High Court judge who three years opposite. A son is foreign editor of ago cast his lot in with China. the Los Angeles Times and two Also seeking the post are Sir nephews are David Li, the Bank of T.L. Yang, 67, the soon-to-retire East Asia chairman, and Dr Arthur Chief Justice, and Peter Woo, 50, Li, Vice-Chancellor of the Chinese

who controls shops, television, University of Hong Kong. shipping and container terminals The other three all come from and property and who is the son-in-Shanghai and are refugees from a regime they now seek to represent. When Sir T.L. Yang was appointed law of Sir Y.K. Pao, one of Hong Kong's wealthiest entrepreneurs, Chief Justice by the then Governor. Sir David Wilson, he was univer-Mr Li alone was born in the colony, the Li clan being the closest It has to aristocracy. One daughter, sally described as mediocre but scandal-free. Neither he nor the others will commit themselves over human rights questions or the new Hong Kong Government's legality under its future sovereign.

Mr Woo makes much of his chairmanship of the Hospital Authority as a sign of his publicspiritedness - an interest that is two years old. He is very cautious

on democracy and civil rights. Yesterday, Mr Tung, a Liverpool University graduate, refused to disclose who lent him £75.5 million

in the mid-Eighties when his father's shipping empire went bankrupt. The lender was widely said to have been China's Transport Ministry. Mr Tung also served on Chris Patten's Execudve Council where it was assumed he would be a conduit to Peking. He resigned when his Chief Execudve

candidature loomed. He denied that China would hand-pick a Chief Executive, but insisted that the 400-member committee, to be selected by Peking,

will make a genuine choice within a month. Mr Li. asked if he agreed with the Hong Kong bar that China's intention to replace the existing wholly elected Legislative Council has no hasis in law. said: "I have no opinion. That will be decided by the National People's Congress in Peking." Asked about possible post-1997

problems, he said: "Hony Kong will be part of China. part of its flesh and blood. There will be no problems."

Mandela names first black Chief Justice

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT MANDELA ap- ment to Chief Justice is based pointed Judge Ismail Mo-homed as South Africa's first van Heerden, an Afrikaner black Chief Justice vesterday who was backed by the over-

Milan: Giorgio Armani. the fashion designer, has received a 20-day suspended jail sen-tence for corruption under a plea-bargaining deal. Lawyers sought the deal at a hearing

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kills 30 Manta, Ecuador: A cargo plane burst into flames shortly after take-off and hit a church bell tower, raining fiery debris on dozens of homes in Manta. Ecuador, killing at least 30 people on the ground and Jeaving Sti injured.

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SUMMARY

Air crash

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Panic

The Boeing 707 bound for Miami hit La Dolorosa Church on Tuesday night. All three members of the crew. one believe to be an American. as well as the priest, were reported killed, "It is impossi-ble to know the number of victims because the flames have prevented us from reaching all the homes." oneg firefighter said, (AP)

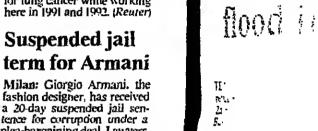
Rock's status downgraded

London: Britain has appointed a lower-ranking officer to be the next commander of Briosh forces in Gibraltar. providing further evidence of the Rock's downgrading as a naval base [Michael Evans writes). Gibrahar is one of about ten sub-regional headquarters in Nato which may be eliminated in a headquarters streamlining operation. Under the Nato plans. Gibral-tar could be absurbed into a wider command.

No verdict on

British surgeon Wellington: A New Zealand

jury begins its third day of deliberation to reach a verdig in the trial of Keith Douglas Ramstead. 44, a former British heart and lung surgeon from Liverpool, who pleaded not guilty to manslaughter over the deaths of three patients, on whom he operated for lung cancer while working here in 1991 and 1992. (Reuter)



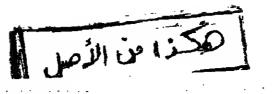
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Women use make-up in ^{*}fight against Taleban code

Michael Dynes reports from Mazar-i-Sharif that women there are refusing to submit to Taleban oppression

CHANTING women demonstrated outside the blue mosque in central Mazar-j-Sharif yesterday in protest against the antiquated stric-tures imposed by the radical Taleban militia on women in Kabul

Participants threw off their traditional burkes to don lipsuck, rouge, nail varnish and high heels in an act of defiance against Taleban, which had been given the approval of the religious and political leaders in this northern Alghan city. Since capturing Kabul last month. Taleban has banned girls from attending school and prohibited women from working in offices. Those who have refused to comply have been bullied, beaten and imprisoned. Expressions of defiance

against Taleban's Islamic code

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

IN KABUL

FIGHTING intensified north of

Kabul yesterday in a battle for

control of strategic high points

overlooking the city. General Abdul

Rashid Dostum, the Uzbek warlord

who controls six northern prov-

inces, has moved more tanks and

have been rare and ruthlessly suppressed. A woman doctor in Kabul was killed for ignoring the instruction not to work at one of the local hospitals. A wave of panic swept Mazar after the fall of Kabul

for fear that Taleban would soon impose similar restrictions there. That anxiety subsided, however, after General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the northern Uzbek warlord, said that he would never allow to come to the city.

Like Kabul. Mazar has tens of thousands of war widows who are the sole breadwinners in their families. Women have also flourished under General Dostum's liberal Islamic regime. They are horrified at the thought of being banned from the professions and other walks of life.

ousted Government.

artillery to the outskirts of the capital to support troops loyal to the

The Taleban Islamic militia.

which captured Kabul on Septem-

ber 27, sent more forces and artillery

out of the city to meet the offensive.

The battle is being fought between

five and ten miles from the outskirts of the capital and the distant thud of

Women in Mazar who wear

Unveiled women in Mazar-i-Sharif demonstrate outside the mosque as anger against Taleban restrictions on women in the capital rose yesterday the burka, which covers them from head to foot, with a cotton mesh over the eyes, do so for cultural not religious reasons. They are free not tu wear it if they so choose, Kabul. Demonstrators reacted with

aged Kabul woman who left the capital a week after jubilation on hearing the news that General Ahmed Shah

shelling can be heard from central Kabul.

ceasefire remain in trouble. The

United Nations is also involved in

trying to bring peace, but feels that it

is being undercut by Islamabad's

efforts. Taleban has agreed to a

ceasefire to enable an exchange of

prisoners, but that has been dis-

Pakistan's attempts to broker a

Masood, the head of the Taleban took over, said: "Durformer Government's defence ing the 17 years of war in forces, had launched a new Afghanistan, women have had to fend for themselves. offensive against the Taleban militia's positions in northern Taleban views on women have no authority in the Koran. We Jamila Tallayee, a middledo not like them and we do not want them here," In an emotional address to

Khan, a female engineering graduate from Balkh University in Mazar, said: "Islam allows women to have a life, Women should not be kept illiterate. We will not accept this. Thousands of women in Mazar are widows. They need

the demonstrators. Fasyan

tu be able to continue their lives," The demonstrators issued a declaration calling on the international community to put pressure on Taleban to stop its oppression of women and enable them to "participate in the reconstruction of war-ravaged Afghanistan".

arrested

hinted that she might accept the leadership of her hus-band's faction of the Pakistan People's Party and challenge the Government. She plans to make an announcement about her political future at a memorial rally for her husband in Larkana tomorrow.

The accusation has embarrassed Benazir Bhutto and most observers believe it will fuel public resentment against her Government, particularly in her home Sindh province.

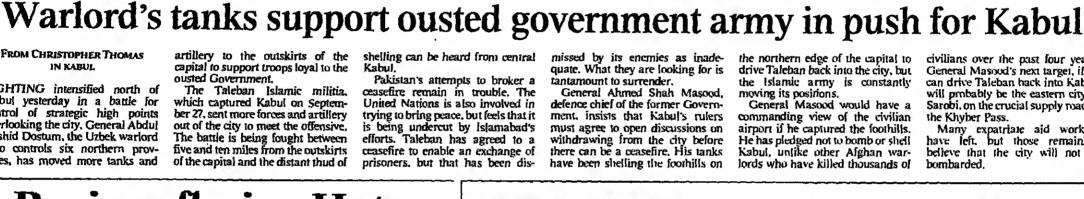
Panic as fleeing Hutus flood into Zairean town

FROM SAM KILEY IN BUGARAMA, SOUTHWEST RWANDA

TENS of thousands of Huiu refugees fleeing lighting in Zaire flooded into the town of Bukavu yesterday. spreadiog panic that was worsened by looting by local soldiers According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 40,000 Hutus and 10,000 Zairean villagers had poured into Bukavu in Zaire yesterday after fleeing fighting between the Zairean army and Zairean Tutsis in

borders between Burundi. Zaire and Rwanda, confirmed intelligence source reports that about 2,000 Rwandan soldiers crossed into Burundi and then Zaire last week Rwandan soldiers have "requisitioned" four-wheeldrive vehicles from Zaire, some of which were owned by relicf agencies. Along with their Zairean Tutsi comrades, they have emptied Uvira of everything and everyone.

The Rwandan Government denied allegations that it has sent soldiers to help the Banyamulenge (as Zaire's Tutsis are known) in resisting



civilians over the past four years. General Masood's next target, if he can drive Taleban back into Kabul. will probably be the eastern city of

Sarobi, on the crucial supply road to the Khyber Pass. Many expatriate aid workers have left, but those remaining believe that the city will not be

OVERSEAS NEWS 17 **Bhutto** is accused of shooting 'cover-up

> FROM ZAHID HUSSAIN IN KARACHI

THE Bhuno family feud has taken a new turn as Ghinwa Bhuno, the widow of Benazir Bhuno's younger brother Murtaza, publicly accused Pakistan's Prime Minister of defending the police officers allegedly involved in his llegedly death.

She has also rejected a three-member tribunal that has been set up by the Government to investigate the killing. saying that she had no confidence in the administration. Murtaza Bhutto and seven supporters were killed in police gunfire in Karachi last month. Ghinwa alleged that the killing was masterminded by the police chief and the head of the intelligence hureau that comes under the federal Government. The administration rejected that allegation and refused to take any action against the police officials.

Talking to journalists at a house in Karachi. Ghinwa said that the administration was protecting the killers. She said there was no question of reaching a political compromise with her sister-in-law until those involved in her husband's death were

Ghinwa Bhutto, who is Palestinian-born, has also

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Uvira, 50 miles south. Their arrival sparked panic mong the 300,000 Hutus, originally from Rwanda, who were living in nearby camps. Many fled to the west of

Bukavu, into the jungle of the Congo River basin. Zairean soldiers, retreating from Tutsi warriors, rampaged through the town.

Meanwhile in Bugarama, The Times has been able to establish that the Rwandan army has fought with the armed forces of Zaire in the Uvira region in defence of Zairean Tutsis who have lived there for 200 years.

Local people in Bugarama, a village on the knot of

British air aid pilot released

Loodon: Captain Gleu Neville-Smith, a British refugee-sapply pilot detained by Zaire since Johy when army berets were found on his aircraft. was released yesterday, the Foreign Office said, and was flying to Uganda. Captain Neville-Smith had

been flying aid to a Goma refugee camp. The place's wers said that berets for the Ugandao Army were oo board by mistake. (Reuter)

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attempts by the Zairean army to expel them from Zaire. But earlier this month Rwandan government sources said they would close Hutu refugee camps by force if the international community did not shot them down. Uvira, home to about 220,000 Hutus from Rwanda

and Burundi, has been used for the past two years as a base for Hutu rebel insurgents for operations inside both countries. Hutu camps pread along the border with Zaire house a million refueees, many of whom took part in the massacre of Rwandan Tutsis in 1994. After increased Hutu attacks inside Rwanda and an

alliance between the Zairean army and the Hutu extremists, it is now clear that Rwanda's Tutsi-dominated army is prepared to ignore international borders in its attempt to cripple "les genocideurs".

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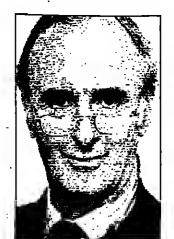
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BODY AND MIND 18



Dr Thomas Stuttaford on controlling antisocial behaviour, height deficiencies in children, flu injections for the vulnerable, reducing the deathrate from an irregular heartbeat, and a treatment for glaucoma that needs to be put in only once a day

How do you handle the bad boys?

aul Gascoigne ad-mits that he beats up his wife and has been involved in various other acts of anosocial behaviour on and off the football field. Mick Jagger is rarely out of the news, kept there by some instinctive impulse, seemingly regardless of its impact on those around him.

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Alex Fryatt, the boyfriend of Sarah Holt (who is now out of the jail to which she was committed because she wouldn't give evidence against him), is alleged to have regularly battered her, to have destroyed her possessions and to have pinned her photograph to a wall with a knife. Although anoisocial behaviour is in many cases confined to the marital home, or to the company of cronies, it displays to a lesser degree many of the same characteristics which prompt road rage, or unpro-

voked attacks in the street. At its worst, casual thoughtless violence may result in the heartless torture of an elderly householder surprised by a burglar, or the wanton murder of somebody who inter-feres in a gallant attempt to preserve law and order.

The socially concerned often plead for people who repeated-ly act in this way to be given treatment. The demand is even louder when a successful

person commits some impulsive act which is totally inappropriate to their lifestyle. There have been calls this week that both Gazza and Jagger should be seen, as the Prime Minister would say, by those in white coats and have counselling — which in some people's view is a panacea for all psychiatric ills.

Suggestions of treatment are sometimes accepted by patients with a personality disorder if they are made by those in whom they are in awe. Usually. however, the wouldbe patients accept counselling only if they feel that it might help them to have a more profitable or enjoyable life. The truth is that most padents with a personality disorder don't give a damn what others think about them.

In most cases when counselling is used, the result is disappointing. Many of the patients have little desire to change their personalides and are not troubled by an uneasy conscience.

Treatment is made even more difficult because they not only usually fail to make deep. long-lasting sexual relation-ships, they also lack trust in those who are trying to help them.

Twin studies have confirmed that there is an obvious genetic component to the development of an antisocial per-

sonality. Home background does count, however - a conscience is nurtured in childhood by association and identification with parents, and if this relationship is deficient because of the ab-sence of parental influence, or its inadequacy, antisocial traits may develop.

The man who is going to have trouble later will as a child be unusually egocentric and demanding.

efore long the poten-tial wife beater, road rager, and hellraiser is in trouble with authority for lying, bullying, theft and other petty misdemeanours. Without a conscience such normal people are indifferent to right and wrong but still know what society demands of its mem-

bers. Dr Robert Andrey is one of the leading experts on anoso-cial personality disorders, par-ticularly when related to prisoners. He says that such personality disorders are of very varying severity - from the manipulative entrepreneur or politician, to at the other extreme the murderer or gangland boss who mutilates their amorality and domestic unreliability leaves a trail of his rivals to retain command. broken marriages, drunken escapades and disturbed The successful politician, or tycoon, is often found to be unusually but insincerely

children. charming - for he will have The result of treatment de-

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Paul Gascoigne has been constantly in the news because of his behaviour and there have been calls for him to have counselling When children stay small pends on the degree of severity of the personality defect and discovered that there is no better way to achieve one's objective than to be able to how much conscience the patient has as a result. Dr turn on the charm. DOCTORS and parents Very often the success of

Andrey found that in prison a quarter of his psychopathic should be grateful to the rag trade for much of the informapatients responded to attempts to modify their behaviour by a tion about the changing shape system of punishment and reward. About a quarter were hopeless and did not respond and in the remaining half there was some chance of improvement.

Flu injections

hormone. Some genetic diseases, including Down's syndrome and Turner's syndrome, are also a cause of failure to grow normally.

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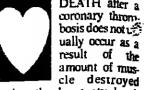
of British children, and what Malnutrition as a cause of is now an acceptable size and height. The Briosh clothing short stature is common. Dr manufacturers have funded Moore is particularly enthusiastic about checking a child's height and weight between research into the development of children and have produced weaning and the age of five. interesting data on the trends. The research sponsored by the During this period the brain grows fastest and by the time clothiers has shown that the

is compared to the other readings it is possible to evaluate development.

Treatment for an undersized child depends on the cause. Kidney and bowel diseases need expert attention and when there is deficiency of

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Help for a heart that has lost its rhythm DEATH after a



during the heart attack, atthough this does happen, but because the heart is ant in develop an irregular rhythm. Various drugs have been

tried in an effort to cut the deathrate from cardiac arrhythmia. These drugs have been reviewed recently by Dr Henry Purcell, a research fellow at the Royal Brompton Hospital, London. in Monitor magazine.

The initial survey carried out in the cardiac arrhythmia suppression trial showed that the drugs which were initially used were worse than useless, for the deathrate when they were given went up in the treated parients. A different drug. Amiodarone, has been more successful. Even when used by those who had suf-5. fered extensive heart damage, Amiodarone reduced the deathrate from arrhythmia.

> New drops for glaucoma

THE treatment of glauco-ma, the condition in which the eye's pressure is too high, has been made easier.

Timoptol LA is a new preparation of a betablocker that needs to be used only once a day. Timoptol LA is a transparent gel which is as easy to instil into the eye as a liquid solution, but has the advantage of remaining in contact with the surface of the eyes for much longer and therefore has a more prolonged action. The new preparation occa- (sionally causes transient (inidal blurring.

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protect the vulnerable OCTOBER is peak time for flu injections. They are recommended for all those over 65, as well

as the high-risk groups who are likely to develop complications if they catch flu.

Those waiting for a jab a child's physical develop-ment. Dr Moore emphasises should be encouraged by a report published in the jourthe need for regular height and weight checks as part of the standard care by a doctor. nal General Practitioner. This showed that the likelihood of having to go into hospital as the result of flu Any marked difference from the average achieved by its contemporaries in the neighwas cut by 63 per cent if a vaccination had been given. bourhood or in an individual The research, conducted in child's own development

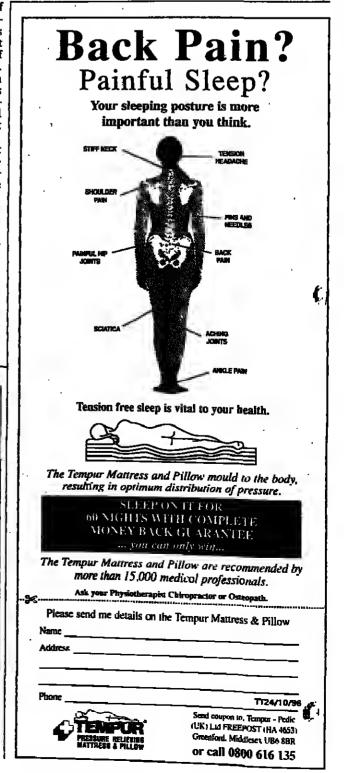
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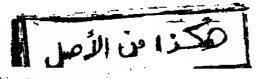


Welsh are shorter than the English, but heavier and presumably more muscular, the build which makes for good scrum-halves and front-row forwards. The children in the South of England are slightly taller than those in the North. Between 1978 and 1990, the mean final adult height has increased by 1.5 centimetres.

recording the girth of the upper arm: this has been found to be a good indicator of the child's state of nourish-Dr Peter Moore has recently ment. By the age of five the reviewed the role of the family girth of the upper arm should doctor for The Practitioned magazine in the assessment of

scribed. The new growth hormone preparations, Somatropin, are safe. They are produced by DNA technology rather than by scavenging in the PM room, a practice that resulted in some cases ci Creutzfeldt-Jakob's disea. Any child whose height is below the lines of the national charts should be seen in a special unit.





'The truthfullest man in the world'



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recognised Louise barety Germaine when she entered the restaurant. It is rare that a natural platinum blonde beauty dyes her hair mouse and eschews all trace of make-up save a smidgen of lipstick.

She lells me it is all for the sake of her first stage part in Michael Wall's Women Laughing at the Palace Theatre. Walford - she is currently, she explains, 'very into dowdy". But although Louise looks nothing like her most famous incarnation - Sylvia, the brassy, amoral and, il must be said, wholly desirable Fifties cinema usherette in Dennis Potter's Lipstick On My Collar - dowdy she most certainly isn't,

Her mouth is constantly breaking into huge and genuine smiles and often naughty and infectious laughter, while her grey-blue eyes are having a party. She is very chic in a dusty pink bouclé suit - may be not Chanel ... may be Louis Feraud? "All I know is that it was £8 from Oxfam -- mind you, that was about three years ago." Louise Germaine, it emerges straight away, is about as un-luvvy

an actress as you can get: modest, happy-go-lucky and disarmingly honest. As she says: "I never even wanted to be an actress." That she did cross over from fashion modelling to prime-time small screen as well as become the muse for our as well as become the muse for our best television playwright — was all down to an outrageously unlikely chance meeting with the late, great, Dennis Potter.

Louise was 19 at the time, picking up modelling jobs where she could, happy to be in London and clear of what sounds like a pretty grim childhood in Margate. "I didn't really go to school," she says. "My mum kept inventing crummy businesses, like a broken-down café or a second-hand shop, and I'd be stuck in it to work. I was the only girl, so I looked after my four brothers as well." There is clearly no love lost between Louise and her mother who was, she recalls, "out a lot. All the time, really."

encounter with the late, great Dennis Potter changed Louise Germaine's life. Interview by Joseph Connolly

enough and came to London in 1986 with no more in her head than the dream of becoming a model. One year later she found herself in year later she found herself in Rome, modelling swimwear and lingerie for a mail-order catalogue. She stayed in Italy for 18 months, and after brief forays into Greece and Spain, came back to London, where she did a few magazine advertisements — "for tea bags and stuff like that". Somehow the call stuff like that". Somehow the call reached her agent that models were required as walk-ons for a new elevision drama called Blackeyes: Louise was called, and Louise was chosen.

"I was fascinated by all of n. But I think I liked the canteen food best of all. There was this bloke drinking red wine and 1 said to him: 'Isn't it all exciting? Have you ever done it before? Are you an electrician? What's your name? He said Dennis Potter: I'd never heard of him. It was only when all the other girls said: "What did you say? What did you say? I thought, whoops -- I think he must be important or something. They all thought of him as the director - no one much minded who wrote it. I was really embarrassed." Louise laughs out loud at the memory: "Only for about ten minutes, though."

ll Potter had said to her was "see you in two years" time". Almost exactly two years later, she was invited by the director Renny Rye to audition for the lead role in the audition for the lead role in the upcoming six-parter, Lipstick On My Collar. "I thought they were joking — I'd never read a script in my life. The furny thing was I understood absolutely everything in it. But I didn't get too excited — I knew that this could change my life, but I thought if I get it, if not, not. Two hundred girls were up for the part, and they were up for the part, and they were actresses. It came down to three of vell." There is clearly no love lost retween Louise and her mother who was, she recalls, "out a lot. All by the age of 15 she had had. Us: Kenny wanted one of the one of but I heard Dennis say to him, "but just look at her *face*. When I had the costume on, I just knew the part was mine." Louise laughs quite uproariously. "I had loads of letters us: Renny wanted ooe of the others,

"I just suddenly found someone I could talk to, tell him everything - someone I could cry with. We held hands and things, just as you do with your greatest friend"

about that walk, but I tell you - in

one of those pencil skirts and high heels, it's the only bloody way you can move!" The fan mail poured in, and so did the offers. The trouble was, all the roles involved at least partial nudity. "I'd decided I didn't want to

do all that any more - I even turned down the Wonderbra adturned down the wonderbra ad-vert." Regrets? Again comes Lou-ise's big and happy laugh: "Nah! I don't regret anything. I did a screen test for a Michael J. Fox film, but I hated the script and it turned out that the producer didn't want me to act so much as live with him in Malibu! I just hate all that

During the 22 weeks it took to film Lipstick On My Collar, Potter

and Louise spent more and more time together. "I just suddenly found someone I could talk to, tell him everything - someone I could cry with. He gave me books -Rumer Godden's Greengage Summer, three of his own, and stuff by Ed McBain and Elmore Leonard. And he gave me a beautiful black and gold pen - could it be a Parker? But it was all so innocent. We held hands and things, but just we need names and tungs, out just as you do with your greatest friend. Dennis actually wasn't interested in women. I thought. And he faught me grammar." Classic Higgins-Eliza situation, didn't she think?

said to him -- how did you remember me after two whole years? He said 'How could I ever

hey hadn't seen each other

for three or four months when, in 1994, Potter invited her to one of their regular wine bars. "He looked ill, and tired. He said to me, 'I've only got weeks to live.' Just like that. I looked at him. I couldn't believe that this person wouldn't be here that this person wouldn't be used for me. I had to say something, and what I said was - Oh God, I don't know why - 'I've just got mar-ried." Which wasn't true: Louise had after a relationship of a fay had, after a relationship of a few Pygmalion: I went to see it. I once weeks, decided to marry one of her

brother's best friends. They drove to Gretna Green but hated the place so much, "we thought OK, then, we'll have the honeymoon first and get married later. So when I told Dennis, I wasn't actually married yet — but if he'd been shocked or disgusted, I wouldn't have married Lea two weeks later." Potter offered Louise Karaoke --with Cold Lazarus, his very last work - which he had written for her. When casting came around, Louise was pregnant; she owned up

to this and such honesty cost her

the part. "I really wanted to do it -

they went on about insurance and

things, but I think they were being dishonest. And then I heard Saf-

fron Burrows" - the eventual

choice - "saying that Dennis had written it for her, and that really is wrong: it was mine," Unlike Daniel Feeld - Potter's

alter ego in Karaoke -- Potter left nothing to Louise in his will. "Oh I don't care at all about that. He gave me so much more when he was alive. He taught me to believe in myself – I do have faith in myself, but not as much as other people seem to. Dennis was wonderful he changed me, He taught me. The kindest and truthfullest man in the world." She looks up, hesitantly. "Can you say truthfullest?" Yes, Louise - you certainly can.

• Louise Germaine continues in Women Laughing at the Palace The-atre, Watford, until Saturday

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Why the intruding must stop Magnus Linklater says press

excesses are growing worse

comes to murder. A favourite tactic, much used by such reporters as the famous Duncan Webb of The People in the 1950s, was to find out whom the police considered to be the prime suspect in a local murder case, and then offer him the opportunity of "clearing" his name on the front page. A headline would duly appear saying something like "The wicked lies they are telling about me", and the story beneath would recount a series of damning allegations. all of them strenuouly denied. In the course of it, the clear impression would be given that the luckless character, often completely innocent, was all but ready to be strung up. This kind of thing seems reladvely innocent compared to the article which ran in *The Mail* on *Sunday* last weekend.

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It concerned Colin Stagg, the man acquitted of murdering Rachel Nickell, and contained evidence not heard by the jury two years ago. Much of the material, which could only have come from court or police sources, revolved around Stagg's movements on the day of the murder, and included details of what he

had told an undercover policewoman about the position of Rachel's body. Just in case the implicanons were not clear enough. the paper asked whether Mr Stagg had deliberately given misleading information "because he knew exactly when

the killing occurred?" Next day Mr Stagg's flat came under siege from reporters and photographers, all presumably anneipating a dramatic confession. What they got was abuse from fellow residents, an angry denial from Mr Stagg's wife, Diane, and the offer of an interview in exchange for a substanoal cheque. All in all, it was an unsavoury cpisode. Nor the least depressing thing about it was that it caused so little fuss. Lord Denning, now 87, ob-served that in his view the newspaper was in contempt of court, but since the case has

ewspapers have al-ways sailed close to the wind when it cudon alike. The Mail on Sunday's Editor takes vigourous issue with my view on the opposite page but I believe he knows no more than the rest of us about whether Stagg was involved or not.

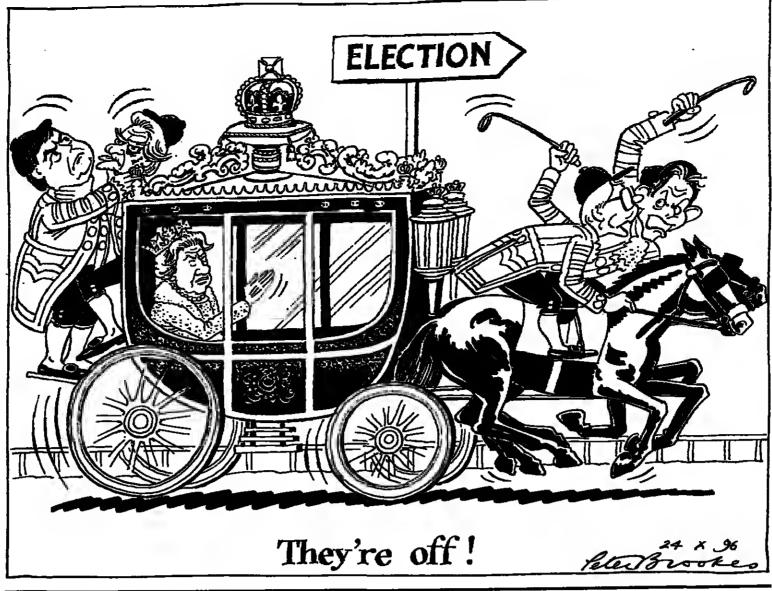
It would be depressing if the press regarded this as carte blanche for further exploits in this direction. The opportunides for recycling court evidence either dropped or never heard in the course of other notable cases must be endless. and although it is protected by the confidentiality that attaches to such material, who knows what effect a tempting cheque or the opportunity of paying off old scores might have on unscrupulous court officials or embittered police officers?

Here, as ever, the line can only be drawn by the press itself, either by the Press Complaints Commission or. better, by a self-denying ordinance on the part of editors and proprietors. Yet the pressure on newspapers to con-form to moral guidelines has rarely been so light. It is seven years since David Mellor, as a Home Office minister, warned

Many victims of the press also learn to exploit it

> pictures of the Hillsborough disaster and complaints from Lord Althorp that his privacy had been invaded by intrusive photographers. That now seems mild. We have seen so shocked.

t the same time the complainers themselves - Tories such as Mr Mellor and members of the Royal Family among them - have been compromised by their own behaviour. Victims with whom we might once have sympathised have become negotiators with the very



The opium of America

The drug industry is so large that it will never go away. So what now?

form and declared one of the great agers tested positive for drugs. This measure, if ever passed into state law, would lead millions of Americans to add illegal driving to illegal drug taking as a daily unlawful activity. Drugs appear too delicate to dis-

cuss in an election. The arguments are too raw. Modern democracy has lost its capacity to mandate issues, it can only mandate individuals. During the 14 years when alcohol was prohibited, Americans argued over ts cost, its crime and its danger, Ending Prohibition featured in both the 1928 and 1932 elections. In 1996, American politicians look aghast at a

use among young Americans had doubled in five years. He pledged himself to "cut teen drug use by 50 per cent in my first term". His biggest and finances. anti-Clinton advertising campaign,

gested that the war on drugs was cen-tral to America's moral health. He would put his administration on a war footing. The Joint Chiefs of Staff

"biggest corporate tax break". Two decades of moralising from parents and teachers and of Nancy Reagan telling children "Just say no" have had no effect. There is some evidence that cocaine use by adults is down. But marijuana use is soaring among the young. California's at-tempt in the early 1990s to impose mandatory 20-year sentences on those caught holding more than \$50 worth of pot has collapsed. Judges refused to try such cases and jurors refused to convict. In most states, conviction for marijuana use leads to no more than a promise to seek

treatment. In Kansas. a tax on beer is used for such treat-SIMON ment, no tax on drugs being permitted. However, sale under taxed licence is on the ballot as proposition 215 next month in California. The post-war

failed completely to suppress their use. Like Prohibition, it merely enriches villains and endangers usanthropologist Morris Carstairs claimed that alcoers with adulterated produce (like Ecstasy in Britain). The infusion of hol was the preferred narcotic of narcotic herbs, like the distillation of organic matter, is as old as mankind. violent, war-like societies, while marijuana and opium were preferred by more passive, reflective ones. The same may apply to American states.

The Queen's runes read^s Peter Riddell on the Government's new programme

f the Tories are to defy the polis and the bookies and win the election, they will have to show what they would do with a record fifth term and what would be at risk under Labour. Yesterday's Queen's Speech set the tone for the preelection campaign. The Government emphasised populist measures - on education, law and order and welfare fraud - which go down well with voters, should unite the Tory party and underline their differences from other parties. But instead of "clear blue water" we looked into a muddy pool. This partly reflected scrappy represented by both John Major and Tony Blair.

But the Tory strategy is itself flawed. The Government does not have scope to create a big gap between itself and Labour. With a Commons majority of only two, it cannot introduce and hope to pass partisan and contendous measures in the less than six months before Parliament has to be dissolved.

The paradox of the populist emphasis is that much of what was announced, and foreshadowed, yesterday is non-partisan and will be readily endorsed by the Opposition. This was typified by the absurd tussle between the front benches over whether the Government or a backbencher should sponsor the mea-sures to establish a register of paedophiles and to act against stalkers. Everyone now wants to be seen as tough on crime.

An underlying theme of yesterday's exchanges was the manifesto launched in *The Times* on Monday by Frances Lawrence. Neither of the two main parties menooned her by name. It would have appeared un name, it would have appeared una seemly, and Mr Blair looked uncom-fortable when chided by Mr Major for "cloaking himself in righteous-ness". His moralism and stress on family values had made some Labour MPs, even a number of his close allies, feel uncomfortable. They agree with the desirability of strengthening families as the best way to bring up children, but they wonder how much the State itself can do without interfering with people's privacy.

war on ill-health. "We are not going to arrest our way out of this problem," he says. But two-thirds of the federal drugs budget still goes on enforcement, not on treatment or reducing demand. A new study from the Brookings Institution (by Paul Stares) points out that an industry that is now "ooe of the blacket commercial activities in

Jack Straw and David Blunkett, Labour has, of course, moved onto the Tory ground on many crucial social policy areas, such as enforcing discipline in schools, raising standards, improving primary healthcare and on many law and order issues. Where Labour has doubts - over minimum mandatory sentences - the opposition is likely to be led by the judges. Labour will attack the relevance of encourag-

grammar schools and extending the Assisted Places Scheme, but БТ., ¹ 11 C ١. $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}}$ 10 с. ж. I 11 12.1 . . $r_{\rm eff} <$ (**

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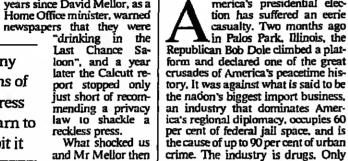
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crusades of America's peacetime history, It was against what is said to be the nadon's biggest import business, an industry that dominates Amer-ica's regional diplomacy, occupies 60 per cent of federal jail space, and is the cause of up to 90 per cent of urban crime. The industry is drugs. Only taxation scores higher as an election issue among America's voters. Mr Dole duly went to town. He declared that "zero tolerance" of marijuana and cocaine would be his top priority on taking office. President Clinton, he said, had "raised the white flag of surrender", when illegal drug

similar topic and prefer to discuss Mr Clinton's character Whenever I visit costing \$5 million. was on this theme. America and wan-In a speech reminiscent of the early der a mile from the Prohibition campaign, Mr Dole sug-

smart neighbourhoods seen by most visitors, I am awestruck by the scale of the drugs industry and by the ferocity and futility of

been abandoned, this seems unlikely. Stagg cannot be charged again, so proceedings are no longer "live". Only what remains of his reputation can be stained.

Yet by any standards the Mail's story was grossly unfair. By presenting prosecuoon evidence that was never submitted to rigorous testing at the hands of the defence, the impression was given that this was reliable information. Yet, as Stagg's defence counsel, William Clegg, pointed out in a letter to The Times on Tuesday, the trial judge had ruled that conversations between Stagg and the undercover policewoman were inadmissible and therefore could not be relied upon. Furthermore it was the prosecution which decided not to put any remaining evidence forward, on the ground that it could not and did not prove Stagg guilty of the killing. So what was presented as telling material revealing the truth about Stagg's movements and bemedia on the loose.

TWEED is on the march in Oxford, where a group of dons is

scheming to block plans for an

Oxford business school to be

partially funded by a donation of £20 million from the Middle

Eastern businessman and intimate

The first swipe of the mortar-

board will come at the University

Congregation. a meeting open to

all working dons on November 5.

Alexander Murray, a medieval

history tutor at University College,

says that an opposition motion will

be placed before Congregation, so

forcing a debate. "I have already

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Wafic Said, a man not used to

high table dithering, will consider

withdrawing his contribution to-wards the £40 million campus,

half-funded by the university, if it

is not set on a playing field near

Mansfield College in the centre of

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sooner have we begun to feel compassion towards an errant bishop or a beaten wife than we learn that they have "opened their hearts" to a

media that harass them. No

tabloid newspaper in return for large sums of money. The waters of public probity have been hopelessly muddled.

It is only the newspapers themselves that can help to clear them again. The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Cornhill, has hinted that the courts might provide their own protection for privacy if MPs fail to, and already there is a suggestion that the new stalking legislation an-nounced by Michael Howard, or the ano-molestation laws to be framed by Michael Forsyth in Scotland, could be widened. Originally proposed to keep deranged stalkers at bay, they might possibly be used also to prevent outrageous harassment by a different, but no less threatening. form of persistent intruder: the

Green blues

come up with a war plan within 45 the effort to contain it. Three years days. The Pentagon, the CIA. satellites and the National Guard would all be drafted. The presidential candidate is never happier than when rattling a defence budget, and Mr Dole rattled with a vengeance. The issue has vanished. With two

(not the police) would be expected to -

merica's presidential elec-tion has suffered an eerie

casualty. Two months ago

in Palos Park, Illinois, the

weeks to go to the election. drugs have sunk from public debate. In pages of coverage of the campaign this past week, I could find no reference to the war on drugs, and it featured only in passing in the first of the two televised debates. Drugs may dominate every education, welfare and penal discussion - gaze across the landscape of American domestic policy and drugs loom on every horizon - but they are not to be mentioned in front of the voters.

Mr Clinton's response to Mr Dole's challenge was brisk and cynical. He proposed a huge \$1S billion anti-drugs budget. He had already appointed America's "most highly decorated general", Barry McCaffrey. as head of his drugs executive. His Attorney-General, Janet Reno, swiftly arrested an international drugs cartel. He has now announced a plan to refuse a driver's licence to teen-

ago I asked the Pentagon official responsible for "interdicting" Carib-bean cocaine shipments what effect his huge \$3 billion budget had on supply. He shrugged. "It probably raises the street price by 10 per cent in a good year." It might make a few local rulers either angrier or richer. Everyone knew it was pointless, he said, but with 85 per cent of Americans calling for enforcement, money had to be burnt at enforcement's

shrine. A third of American young people are probably frequent, if not regular, users of banned substances. The recent National Household Survey showed young people turning from alcohol and even nicotine towards marijuana, declared use of which has almost doubled since 1990. The reason appears to be that cited by many drug historians: user preference irrespective of the law. In survey after survey, teenagers say that drunkenness makes them sick and nicotine causes cancer. Marijuana is cheap and, in their experience, relatively harmless. Cocaine is also plentiful. Neither is taxed. The narcotics trade enjoys what is called America's

any Americans accept the parallel of their present predicament with inter-war Prohibition. Most members of the Clinton Administration would dearly love to decriminalise drugs as a public health issue. Many would go further to licensing supply and sale. Yet every argument is wheeled out to postpone reform. The drug problem will be changed only when America changes," says Mr Clinton, deftly avoiding leadership. Even a liberal Mayor such as Kurt Schmoke of Baltimore explains that half his black community would regard decriminalisation as a conspiracy against blacks, while the other half would protest that drugs are the one business from which blacks can earn big money and progress out of the ghettos. Legalise supply and you merely hand the profits to the multinationals.

Drug laws have acquired the status of communism in the 1950s and the

For Stares, the only debate is how far government chooses to regulate and tax this industry, and the collateral damage which failure to do so inflicts on respect for international and domestic law. In America, as increasingly in Britain, the argument is less between libertarians and authoritarians, and more between those who work with drug users the teachers, policemen and social workers - who tend to be decriminalisers, and a wider public, for whom anyone else's narcotic is alien terror. To the latter, illegal drugs and those who supply them must be put out of sight and out of mind. They are like the insane or the old.

1960s. They seem to be the enemy America needs for its cohesion. To be

soft on drugs" is to be unAmerican.

Drug enforcement features in ghoul-

ishly violent Hollywood movies. The

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right to personal narcotics is wimp-

ish. When figures as diverse as

George Shultz, George Soros and the

head of interpol, as well as the

libertarian Right all advocate

decriminalisation, they are abused or

The war on drugs has been institutionalised. Police forces, coast

guards, prisons would be decimated without it. Mr Clinton's General

McCaffrey may plead that this is a war on ill-health. "We are not going

the biggest commercial activities in the world" will not vanish. A quarter-

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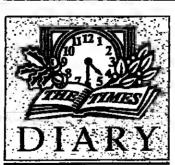
dismissed as eccentric.

Many Americans welcomed Mr Dole's decision to make drugs a campaign priority, however absurd his militaristic solution. There is no hope of reform without the public debate of an election. Yet once again drugs have shown themselves to be the unmendonable in retreat from the intolerant. To those concerned at the growth of drug use by British teenagers, this is a sobering thought. Will the British election be as timid?

though these differences are regiative hardly represent a huge gulf. Of course the Queen's Speech is merely a first instalment. Far more significant will be the Budget on November 26. But as Kenneth Clarke has been warning everyone, and as his meeting with advisers last Friday confirmed, there is no scope for a tax giveaway. Tory MPs looked sub-dued, though hardly surprised, when Mr Major talked yesterday of the need for "prudence" and said merely that "if it was safe to cut taxes, we will, but if we cannot, we will not". This is partly the usual pre-Budget theatre to lower expectations, so that measures are welcomed on the day. Everyone expects some nominal tax cuts, but they will be nominal, and as both the Treasury and the Labour leadership privately recognise, the Chancellor after the election, whoever it is, will probably have to act quickly to oghten fiscal policy.

That is as much of a constraint on Labour as on the Tories. Labour has been so keen to rid itself of its tax and spending image that Mr Blair yesterday dodged Tory challenge about whether would match Mr Major's promise to raise health spending each year by at least the inflation rate. In practice, Labour is likely to endorse whatever spending plans the Government announces in the Budget. But this in turn exposes a big hole in Labour's approach. Its criocisms of the Government's health record sound hollow if it is not promising more than can be found from vague savings of administrative waste. A Labour rethink is already under way. In electoral terms this may not matter: the public does not trust the Tories on health however much they spend or do.

If there are no big differences between the Tories and Labour on policy, apart from constitutional reform, the choice is essentially about which team is more trustworthy. Unlike five years ago, Mr Major cannot present his Government as new. He is already fifth in the length of service league of the ten post-war Prime Ministers. So he is seeking to appear a safe pair of hands against the untested Mr Blair. Hence Tory gibes about "smarmy" Mr Blair. He tried to strike back in the debate with a populist note aimed at core Labour supporters. He focused on the Tory record, with charges of "drift" and a "fractured" Britain. These are the current market-tested buzz-words. We are going to hear plenty more of the same before the election. ft is P·H·S going to be a repetitive and fractious winter of pre-election manocuvring.



The University thinks in centuries. week magazine. It is no coinci-dence, insist staff at the New York-• Burglars who broke in to the home of Carlisle Labour counciler, that Primary Colors was lor Dawn Breen were discriminatpublished by Random House, ing in what they stole. Into the which is presided over by Harry swag-bag went Miss Breen's Evans, husband of Tina Brown, jewellery. television and video, and

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all her videotapes bar one: Tony

Britain.

as well as to some aspects of the business school itself. The

people feel that there should be

a debate," he tells me. "A lot of the

working dons feel that we are

being marched too fast into this."

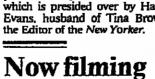
In other words, pass the port, cut the cigars and let's all slow down.

JOE KLEIN, the anonymous author of Primary Colors, the thinly veiled account of President Clinton's campaign, is being lined up for a new job as political correspondent of the New Yorker.

Klein. who made a colossal pile before being savaged by the pious American journalistic establishment for lying about the book, works at present for rival News-



month.



POLITICAL junkies in need of a Christmas gift will be excited to hear that a courtroom drama starring the Rt Hon Kenneth Clarke, his wife, Gillian, and the former Cabinet minister David Hunt is due to be filmed at the end of the

In this sub-John Grisham thriller, enotled Notringham Insurance Institute: Mock Trial, on video only, Hunt will play the judge, telling good from evil in a tale of intrigue and high-risk insurance

Oscars.

"I don't know whether to do it for Wednesday or Saturday: it's a lottery'



Tory coffers is the auction of one of

the party chairman's suits. Brian

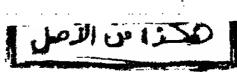
Mawhinney's cast-offs might not be the greatest trophy for even the

most dedicated activist, one might

think, but this is the suit that was

splattered with paint by angry stu-

dents. It has just been returned by



fraud. The Chancellor will take the the police, with the paint still on Henry Fonda role as an angst-ridit. The most probable buyer is Alan Duncan, MP, Mawhinney's den jury foreman, torn between his duty and his social conscience. wealthy pocket dynamo in Conser-It should be out in time for the vative Central Office, who at the time of the incident made a citizen's arrest of the lentil munchers. • Latest wheeze to replenish the

Low cut

HE WAS crowned British Designer of the Year on Tuesday night at the Lloyds Bank Fashion Awards. But Alexander McQueen, the stocky little frock-wallah with a No I hairdo, cut little ice with the Oueen's dressmaker. Sir Hardy Amies.

"It was the naffest thing I've ever seen," says Sir Hardy, 87, who attended the event, immaculate in one of his own creations. "They have John Galliano for Christian Dior, and this other yobbo [McQueen, I presume] for Givenchy," he said, and they have fallen into this trap that Paris sets for them to get publicity to sell scents. I don't know anybody who would wear that stuff - but then I don't dance around in nightclubs any more."

Sir Hardy, whose recent book on the gentleman's suit is into its third printing, added that he thoroughly enjoyed sitting next to the "stunning" British model Honor Fraser at dinner. "A splendid dinner." he



Too revealing

remarked, but her outfit "was cut so low at the back that it showed the division in her bottom. And I do not think anybody is going to walk down the street looking like that."



ONLY PALE BLUE WATER

Less divides the parties than Tories would like

The Queen's Speech was discounted before it had been delivered as an exercise in politics not government. Conservative tacticians had hoped the legislative programme would force Labour on the defensive, opposing crime and education measures popular in the country but not on the Opposition back. benches. In fact, much of the Government's programme of legislation is managerial and uncontentious. There will be a consensus for the majority of measures.

Action on welfare fraud and school liscipline are vote-winning measures, but hey are policies with which new Labour feels comfortable. Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, will support much that is in the new Crime Bill, although he will continue to oppose the minimum sentences fix career criminals and repeat sex offenders at its heart. On gun control. Labour could embarrass the Tories by supporting a total ban on handguns. There is a greater than usual proportion of non-partisan Bills on subjects such as civil law reform and protection of the coastal environment. And two of the most popular law and order measures - the setting up of a register of paedophiles and legislation against stalking are now set to pass through the House

with all-party support. Originally, it was hoped these measures might reach the statute book by Private Member's Bills rather than in government time. The Government was, however, offered Labour support for them the day before yesterday. The sudden decision to bring them in as part of the Government's programme yesterday afternoon is hardly impressive. Ministers may have been stung by the suggestion that they were downplaying these measures by leaving them to backbenchers to bring in. Whether the Government was driven by embarrassment or expediency, it is to the good that these

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Bills will be in ministers' names and debated in the Government's time.

Education promises to be the most divisive issue of this session. The Government plans to allow schools to select more pupils by ability without having to seek approval first: up to 50 per cent for grantmaintained schools, 30 per cent for specialist schools, and 20 per cent for the rest. It will give grant-maintained schools more freedom and extend the Assisted Places Scheme to independent primary schools.

All these are measures which Labour will oppose. And its opposition may unsettle many disaffected Tory voters who have been thinking of switching. Selection is now popular, not least with Conservatives. A Harris survey for the Association of Teachers and Lecturers suggested that 54 per cent of the public were in favour. In the past many middle-class parents in Conservative areas supported comprehensives, but having experienced the reality they warm to the Prime Minister's promise of a grammar school in every town.

Tories expect the most political Bill of the session to be the one that could not be outlined yesterday. Deliberately lowering expectations, the Prime Minister emphasised, like his Chancellor before him, that the Budget will be prudent. "If we can cut taxes, we will; if we cannot, we will not." The Chancellor went out of his way to downplay the chances of any tax cuts when he addressed the Tory party conference. But Kenneth Clarke was playing the coquette, saying "No" so that the pleasure when he relented would be all the sweeter. As for the Labour reaction. Tony Blair may yet disappoint the Tories. He has had two and a half years to prepare for a tax-cutting Budget. He may not gratify the Government by falling into a Tory Chancellor's trap as Labour leaders have done before him.

NATO LITE

Just what kind of Alliance will we enlarge?

President Clinton hopes that the first new members of Nato will join in 1999, in time to celebrate the Alliance's 50th birthday that year. A summit is planned for early next summer, at which a select few states such as Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic will be invited to present their credentials. fn a speech in Brussels yesterday, Michael Portillo lauded the importance of the transatlantic connection rooted in Nato, Forthe time being, Russian leaders remain opposed to Nato expansion but are not raising their voices. A glide path has been lit up to show the new entrants how and when they can land inside the club to which they so eagerly seek to belong. One of Nato's strengths lies in attention to practical detail, a preference for facts and deeds over words. Statesmen who talk as if the Chievement of Nato expansion is merely a lengthy procedural matter are deceiving themselves and voters. Moscow's reactions to the prospect of Nato extending to Central Europe have recently been less jerky and less confrontational. But the one Russian spokesman who has been consistent throughout, the Foreign Minister Yevgeni Primakov, has been unrelentingly hostile. There is also no sign yet of a Nato strategy to prevent the countries not included in the first wave of new members feel less secure as a result of their exclusion. None of the charters, joint exercises, exchanges of military missions and liaison councils has so far softened Russian attitudes. Nato plans to station neither nuclear weapons nor allied personnel on the territory of new members. Nato's most senior officer, General George Joulwan, would like the option to plant a headquarters east of the Elbe; fearful of provoking Russia, the State Department appears ready to overrule him.

Although Nato's defence guarantee will be formally assured by rapid reinforcement plans and aerial nuclear defence, the Alliance is thus perilously close to offering its new members a second-class membership. If Nato insists, unwisely in our view, on humiliating Russia by expanding, it should seek real gain on the other side of the balance by giving its defence guarantee the only true reassurance - a visible Alliance

presence in the new member countries." " But the most dangerous threat to Nato is internal rather than external: Europe's armies are undercapitalised. America's military equipment budget is now twice the size of that of all its European allies put together.

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Ethical issues on sperm donation

From Sir Nicholas Henderson

Sir. The comparison Alan Clark draws in his article (October 15) between the problems Chamberlain had with Germany in the Thirties and those that John Major faces today with that country is a travesty. It really seems onose to have to point out the complete contrast between the militarily aggressive intentions of Hitler and the insistently peaceful policy of Kohl; whose overall aim is to bind his country into a closely integrated Europe.

But there is also a serious historical distortion: Chamberlain did not tolerare the "adjustment" by Ritler of territorial boundaries in Eastern Europe in a way that "could and should, have made a conflict between Russia and Germany inevitable" as Clark asserts. The idea that Chamberlain was some how favouring a war between Ger-many and Russia is the one that Sovjet propaganda fastened upon to justity the Nazi-Soviet Pact and that Moscow maintained consistently for 50

Without wishing to justify Chamberlain, it has to be said for the sake of historical accuracy that his policy was peace and disarmament. He believed that it should be possible to appease. Hitler by this or that concession, including territorial changes, but that these must come about with British agreement and by peaceful means. In all this he was gravely mistaken, but the Cabinet minutes of those days show that he and his ministers, including Halifax, realised that British

don only during the lifetime of both **Burying cables** parents, Furthermore, if for example we store sperm or embryos for a man

From Mr David G. Jefferies. FEng. Chairman of the National Grid

Sir, The debate on the suggestion that high-voltage overhead transmission lines should be laid under ground (letters, October 9, 11, 18) is an international one. Relatively few connect ions at the highest voltage (400 kilovolts) in England and Wales have been put under ground, though our research shows that the transmission system has more underground cables at such voltages than any other country,

For operational environmental and financial reasons it is exceptional for high-voltage connections to be under ground. It takes about fifty times as long to repair a cable as it does an, overhead line and this would have implications, for the security of the electricity supply if underground cables were widespread.

wires overhead, underground cables need to be placed some distance apart from each other for cooling purposes, requiring a swath of land the width of

(and French) interests would not be served by military conflict between Germany and Russia.

Given French commitments to Russia and Eastern Europe that country would be bound to be involved should Hitler move east. Britain would inevitably find itself drawn into any such conflict.

But overriding other considerations was the recognition that the outcome of a Soviet/German war in which other powers were not engaged would be the dominance of the Continent by one or other of them; probably Nazi Germany.

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS HENDERSON 6 Fairholt Street, SW7. October 16.

From Mr Anthony Chamier

Sir. Some will be amused by Alan Clark's comparison of the Prime Minister's policies towards the Euro-pean Union with Neville Chamberlain's towards Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union.

| find a comparison between Britain's appeasement of vile tyrannies and her response to the aspirations of the social democracies of Western Europe today not only inapt but odious.

Yours faithfully. ANTHONY CHAMIER. Achandunie House, Ardross, By Alness, Ross and Cromarty. October 16.

an increase of around 25 per cent on the price of electricity for the average customer.

High-voltage transmission lines are sometimes regarded as unsightly, but they play a major role in the economic provision of one of the country's vital commodities.

Yours. DAVID JEFFERIES, Chairman, The National Grid Group pk, 185 Park Street, SEL October 18.

From Mr Richard Need

Sir. Having researched the subject for a documentary film some thirty years ago. I have to say that the relative cheapness of overhead lines means that they can often avoid beauty spots. skylines and other sensitive areas. But, the cost of laying expensive high-tech caples in congrete-lined treaches is so high that diversions are almost out of the question, the straight line beingthe aim of engineer and accountant. alike. It can be cheaper to buy a house and demolish it than to go round it."

What would be the public reaction

examined.

Alan Clark's view of modern Europe Legal anomaly of barred evidence

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From the Editor of The Mail on Sunday

Sir, May Lremind Mr William Clegg. QC. Colin Stagg's defence counsel, that The Maif on Sunday in presenting the evidence which the Old Bailey never heard against Mr Stage, made no memory of the psychological pro-file to which Mr Clegg refers in his let-ter of October 22. That is not the issue. Nor do I agree with Mr Clegg's contention that the psychological profile was the basis of the Crown's case -

against Mr Stage. It was the police's contention that. during the undercover operation. Mr. r Stagg displayed detailed knowledge about the killing that was known only. to the police. Mr Clegg states that this contention "could have been proved faise" — in which case *The Mail on* Sunday stands by its argument that a jury should have had the opportunity to consider that proof as well as the rest of the evidence against Mr Stagg and his defence.

and his defence. This did not happen, and the out-come of the trial was unsatisfactory for all concerned - for Mr Stagg himself because, as he often complains, he is bounded by people who think him guilty; for Rachel Nickelt's family, because, with the police investigation, virtually halted, they live with the bit-ter truth that her killer, whoever that may be, may never be brought to justice.

. It seems, apparently, that it is politically and legally correct for news-papers to involve themselves in invest-Guildford Four, or the Birmingham, Six were found guilty, and for those decisions to be reversed, but not to look into evidence against an accused, subsequently acquitted, which was never presented to a jury.

There is an anomaly in English law here which should be addressed if Justice, which at present has one legal eye perping out from her blindfold, is to be truly served. ---

Yours faithfully, JONATHAN HOLBOROW, Editor, The Mail on Sunday, Northcliffe House. 2 Derry Street, Kensington, W8. October 22.

Cheltenham College From Mr E.J. Little.

Sir, Mr and Mrs Keith Douglas liet-ter, Cyclober 22, who champion the cause of Peter Wilkes, the unfortunate departure by comparing the post with that of a football club manager. The other side of the coin should also be-

or couple prior to treatment for cancer which would destroy fertility, we do so Group pic only with the understanding and signed agreement that transfer to achieve pregnancy will not be undertaken while the illness could be terminal. My colleague Professor Lord Winston, in his comments which you reported on October 19, seems to confuse the ethical principles of organ donation to save the life of a living person with those of sperm donation to create a new child, He is also reported as arguing that,

since a widow could be legally insem-inated with sperm from a stranger (albeit, I would add, a properly counsel-led and medically screened donor having given formal consent) the law should be changed to allow posthumous insemination, with her de-ceased husband's sperm, with or with-out his consent. Perinaps the law should be changed, rather, to prevent artificial insemination of a woman on her own Ithough this is probably unworkable).

From Professor Michael Hull

row legalism".

Sir, There has been an emotive swell

of opinion, including your leader of October 18, on the tragic and extra-ordinary case of Mrs Diane Blood, favouring posthumous insemination.

The Human Fertilisation and Embry-

ology Authority is pilloried for "nar-

Opposing views are probably wide-ly held, however, concerned with

fundamental ethical issues. For in-,

stance, a survey of the views of fertility.

centres licensed to store human sperm

or embryos, conducted here last year and published in the British Medical

Journal (July 6, 1996), showed that at least a quarter of all centres (even

counting those that did not reply) were

About a fifth of the centres were also

opposed to transferring stored sperm

or embryos to a more liberal centre.

That would be assisting a treatment to-

which they were ethically opposed. A

few centres agreed to posthumous

treatment only to produce a sibling for

an existing child. The personal desire to keep alive the

loving memory of a deceased spouse

through a child evokes enormous

sympathy. But the child will have no-

memory of its lost father (or mother in

the case of embryos posthumously

transferred to a surrogate). The fund-amental ethical concern in all fertility

treatment must be for the welfare of

The consensus in my centre, sup-

ported by an independent ethics com-.

mittee, is that we should assist concep-

the offspring.

opposed to posthumous treatment.

The bereaved need help to grieve for the lost partner and then to look realistically to an independent future. A particularly poignant personal tragedy which can arise is of a childless woman widowed when aged in her late 30s, since she may miss the chance to bave children by a new husband. But is that reason enough for society lo support the conception of a child without a living father? Is the fact that children are born fatherless due to accident reason enough to allow treatment which plans such an outcome? Is our society ready to abandon its foundation on the traditional family?

Seventeen per cent of the US defence budget now goes on communications and information technology; the equivalent figure for Europe is 4 per cent. There are no European satellites with radar or infra-red sensors, nor likely to be. Mr Portillo reminded us yesterday that European defence budgets have fallen in real terms by almost a third since 1985.

Such figures underline that any kind of freestanding European defence is a pipedream. But in the longer term, such disparities threaten the cohesion and effectiveness of Nato itself. Threats have not evaporated, they have altered. The possible uses of armed force have not shrunk to peace keeping. Twenty countries outside Nato possess ballistic missiles; a handful can arm them with chemical and biological warheads. Of the Ministry of Defence's latest list of 53 potential troublespots across the world, 17 are within 200 miles of Nato's borders. Politicians who want to go on cashing the peace dividend offered by the end of the Cold War forget that states still require military insurance. To enjoy insurance, governments must pay premiums.

SCHOOL FOR SAFARI

The world breeds bigger game than the sort that got stuffed

The sun has finally set on the British Empire. For Eton College, nursery of empire-builders, yesterday auctioned the contents of its natural history museum. This vast collection of stuffed hide, fin and feather had been accumulated by Old Etonians over 121 years. In office hours they ruled and administered the half of the world coloured deep pink in their school atlases. And for recreation they hunted its exotic fauna and flora. In their spare time they wrote bandsomely illustrated books with titles such as With Rod and Line from the Ganges to the Andes, and were the role models for The Boy's Own Paper and other such period publications extolling manly virtues. And naturally they presented their surplus trophies to their alma mater, the old college. Some were eccentrics even after allowing

for Etonian tolerance of eccentricity. Albert Edward Leatham (Eton 1873-76) is still remembered. His book Sport in Five Continents exemplifies the stiff upper lip, loose lower jaw and ostentatious modesty of the big-game hunter. The stuffed victims he presented to Eton range from a pride of lions, a giraffe, a 500-lb tarpon and a warth as to a previously unknown species: an itnang tufted deer he bagged in the mountains of central China.

For a century the natural history museum was one of the most popular schools at Eton. Boys learnt biology, botany and the pleasures of collecting not just from its deadgame, but also from birds' eggs, butterflies, pressed flowers and other wonders of nature. But nature films on television and safari parks have made it possible to see the wonders without shooting them. The mood of the age has turned against killing animals for sport. The Empire has gone. And in 1996 Etonians take genetics, ecology and environmental studies rather than the fauna and flora of the Empire. The politically correct among them may support the right to arm bears against hunters. And so the day has dawned when the Rudyards cease from kipling and the Haggards tide no more. It must have for Eton, richest and most acquisitive of schools, to sell its world-famous collection.

But of all the threatened species, the most melancholy may be the disappearance of the big-game-hunting Empire-builder in his solar topi and Old Etonian tie. He seemed wiped out by world wars. According to his contemporary lights he was often a brave and honourable creature. But the sale of his museum of stuffed beasts shows that far from becoming extinct, he has as usual merely evolved and adapted. Etonians are ootoriously fast-footed at the survival of the fittest. So they have downsized and offloaded the stuffed lions and elephants' feet in their museum. But on their customary Darwinian form, they are about to become the wonder and envy of their contemporaries for their safaris on the Internet and by electronic trading in futures.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL HULL (Professor of Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, University of Bristol). St Michael's Hospital, Bristol. October 20.

From the Archdeacon of Sarum

Sir, Had Diane and Stephen Blood used the modern marriage service. I wonder whether the law could have taken account of the commitment, "all that I am I give you, all that I have I ... share with you" - since the bridegroom subsequently signs the marriage register.

Presumably the words of the Prayer Book service, with all my worldly goods t thee endow", can be taken as not including the husband's sperm or are the promises of the marriage service now taken to be of no real validity in the legal relationship between husband and wife?

Yours faithfully, B. J. HOPKINSON, Russell House, Stratford-sub-Castle, Salisbury. Wiltshire. October 19.

From Mr Mike John

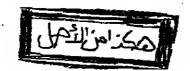
Sir, Isn't it extraordinary that in a country where the relatives of a dead person can agree to the use of urgans for transplant purposes, with or without the dead person's prior permission, a widow cannot use the sperm of her dead husband?

First, surely the sperm should be hers anyway, by right of inheritance (assuming her husband's estate passed to her); and, secondly, if this ridiculous law has to be adhered to, cannot the executors of the dead man's estate provide the necessary written permission on his behalf, as they would be able to do in other matters?

Yours faithfully. MIKE JOHN. Woodroberts, Winkleigh, Devon. Ocinber 17.

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a dual carriageway:

High-voltage underground cables not only restrict the use of the land after reinstatement, but can also have severe effects on sensitive habitats. They cost between 15 and 25 times as much as the equivalent overhead connection, a figure of up to at least £10 million a kilometre.

The costs of putting under ground the whole high-voltage system referred to by Mr McGregor (October II) would be about £54 billion, leading to

Austrian elections

From Sir Geoffrey Pattie, MP for Chertsey and Walton (Conservative)

Sir. Your report in later editions today on the Austrian elections to the European Parliament quoted "sources in the Freedom Party" as saying that negotiations have started with British Conservatives".

There have been no such negotiations. The Conservative Party is a . staunch ally, through the European Democrat Union, of the Austrian People's Party. The "sources" are spin-ning mischievous nonsense. The Conservative Party's international office works closely with the People's Party and has nothing to do with the Freedom Party. I am delighted that the People's Par-

ty won their European elections and can confirm your report that the result was "a clear humiliation" of the Social Democrats, whose leader is better at speaking to Labour conferences in Blackpool than to his own voters in Vienna.

Yours etc. G. PATTIE (Chairman, International Office). Conservative Central Office, 32 Smith Square, Westminster, SWI.

October 14.

Conserving antiquity From Mr Nigel L. Denton

Sir. It is not only modern graffiti that can provide an interesting social comment (letters, October 10, 15, 21). Maes Howe, a burial mound on mainland Orkney, was built about 5,000 years ago. According to the HMSO guidebook it was invaded by Viking raiders. led by Harald Maddadarson, on January 6, 1153, as first re-

corded in the Orkneyinga Saga. The Vikings removed the treasure in the tomb but left a remarkable collection of runes describing their visit. These graffiti, as well as being ancient, are today regarded of as much importance as the original structure.

Yours faithfully. NIGEL L. DENTON, 12 Maria Court, Southcote Road, Reading, Berkshire.

to the idea of trenchers and conce ploughing their way through fields of crops, village streets, town centres, golf courses football pitches, terirus courts, sites of special scientific interest, parks and gardens? How many public inquities would there have to be, how many teams of protesters challenging every yard?

Yours faithfully, RICHARD NEED. 11 Hemingford Road, Cheam, Surrey. October 19.

CPS performance From the Director of **Public Prosecutions**

Sir, Chris Sallon, QC, and Nick Lavender ("If justice is not seen to be fair". Law, October 22) wrongly claim that the Lord Chancellor's Committee has "advised no fewer-than three times against allowing CPS employees to appear in the Crown Court". They should be reminded that in 1992 the committee concluded that CPS lawyers were independent and that there was no objection in principle to their being granted rights of audience. They also state that the career pros-

pects of CPS employees depend at least in part on their 'success rate' 7. This, too, is nonsense.

Only 30 CPS staff, out of more than 6,000, are involved in the voluntary. retirement scheme which your contributors blame for a "forther reduction" in staff levels, and they also appear to be unaware that Sir Robin Butler, Head of the Home Civil Service, firmly rejected the complaints by the Director of MORI concerning the CPS ap-proach to MORI's survey of CPS mörale.

Sallon and Lavender cite 8,000 Crown Court cases found by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice to have been dismissed by the judge "in circumstances where the dismissal was certainly or possibly foreseeable". They neglect to point out that in the majority of these cases barristers had given no advice. Judges direct juries to acquit in less than 2 per cent of Crown

Court cases. The CPS conducts hundreds of prosecutions every day in the magistrates' courts - some of which could be taken in the Crown Court had the defendant so elected. The requirements of disclosure, professionalism and independent judgment apply equally to these cases. I am confident that these standards will continue to be applied within the CPS. I am also delighted that our application for rights of audience bas the full support of the First Division Association.

Yours faithfully. BARBARA MILLS. Director of Public Prosecutions, 50 Ludgate Hill, EC4 October 23

Excellent schoolmaster that he is Mr Wilkes had managed to lose the respect and support of too many members of his common room, his pupils his parents and the council for him to continue. continue.

ent of a pupil-who left last term, I feel that the council should be congratulated on taking a tough but honest decision, which they knew would be unpopular with some people. A signif-icant number of us believe them to be on the right track.

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Yours etc. EDWARD LITTLE. The Brow. Cricklade, Wilzshire. October 23

. . . . Power accessory

From Mr Gary Rawlinson

Sir, In waining your readers of the dangers of the various bags carried by his fellow travellers on the way to work, "A nation clobbered by bag and baggage". October 17). Derwent ... May overlooks the unseen danger in the sports holdall carried by running enthusiasts on their way home.

In the morning it contains nothing more harmful than a freshly-laundered set of running gear. Come the evening, not necessarily that same day, the contents of the bag can put the skunk to shame.

Yours faithfully GARY RAWLINSON

October 17. 1.1.1.1.1.1.1 From Mrs Doreen Davie

Sir: I can tell Derwent May what is in "those women's bags": no, not cosmetics and complementary pills; but pipe. tobacco, reading glasses, on occasion tickets and passports, and any other : item that leaves their husbands blithely unencumbered.

Yours sincerely DOREEN DAVIE. Omega Cottage, High Street. Silverton, Exeter, Devon. October 17.

It shall come to pass

From Mr George Bull Sir, Is the prediction today at the end of William Rees Mogg's scintillating ...

Simon Jenkins will appear tomorrow - also part of the religious debate?

Yours faithfully, GEORGE BULL

19 Hugh Street, SWI, October 23. October 23.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 23: The Queen, accompanied by The Prince of Wales, went in State to the Palace of Westminster today to open the Session of Parliament.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove in a Carriage Procession, escorted by a Sov-ereign's Escort of the Household Cavalry, and were received at the Sovereign's Entrance by the Lord Great Chambertain and the Earl Marshal.

Guards of Honour were mounted at Buckingham Palace by The Queen's Guard found by the Ist Battalion Welsh Guards and at the Palace of Westminster by the 1st Battalion Irish Guards.

A staircase party of the Household Cavalry was on duty at Victoria Tower, House of Lords. Gun Salutes were fired in Green Park by The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, and from the Tower of London Saluting Battery by the Honourable Artillery Company.

The Imperial State Crown, the Sword of State and the Cap of Maintenance were conveyed previously to the House of Lords in a Carriage Procession, escorted by a Regalia Escort of the Household Cavalry. Her Majesty's Body Guard of

the Honourable Corps of Gentleman at Arms was on duty in the Prince's Chamber and The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeo-men of the Guard was on duty in

the Royal Gallery. The Ladies and Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting and the Pages of Honour to The Queen were in attendance at the Palace of Westminster.

The Queen and The Prince of Wales returned to Buckingham Palace and were received by the Lord Chamberlain and the Vice-Chamberlain of the Household.

Her Majesty, Patron, this eve-ning attended a Reception at St James's Palace to mark the amalamation of the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops with the Soldiers'. Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association and was received by the Narional President (Admiral Sir William Pillar), the Lord Westbury (National Vice-President) and the Chairman (Major-General Lennox Сапсп).

Today's royal engagement

The Queen will give a luncheon at Buckinghani Palace at LOD for the President of Poland; will attend a service of dedication for the Imperial Society of Knlghts Bachelor at St Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield, at 5.25 and will attend a reception at Butchers' Hall afterwards.

The Prince of Wales, as President of

The Baroness Miller of Hendon (Baroness in Wairing) was present st Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of Poland and Mrs Kwasniewska and wel-comed them on behalf of The Oueen.

ST JAMES'S PALACE October 23: The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited the offices of the Royal Parks Agency and the Royal Parks Constabulary at the Old Police House, Hyde Park, London W2, and met members of staff and officers, before viewing the renovated police stables. KENSINGTON PALACE

October 23: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present at the State Opening of Parliament this morning. KENSINGTON PALACE October 23: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present this morning at the State Opening of

Parliament, House of Lords, Westminster, London SWI. YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE October 22: The Duke of Kent, Colonel, Scots Guards, this afternoon visited the 1st Battalion Scots Guards, Musgrave Park, Hospital Barracks, Belfast,

His Royal Highness, President the Scoul Association, this evening attended a reception jointly hosted by the Northern Ireland Chest. Heart and Stroke Association at Hillsborough Castle, Hillsborough, County Down, Northern Ireland, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Down [Major William Hall.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 23: The Duke of Kent this morning opened the Tandragee Recreasion Centre. Madden Road,

Tandragee, Portadown, County Armagh, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Armagh (The Earl of Caledon). His Royal Highness later visited Sherwood Davis and Geck, Garry Duff Road, Ballymoney, County Antrim and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Antrim (The Lord O'Neill). His Royal Highness this after-Youth Hostel, Whitepark Bay Youth Hostel, Whitepark Bay Balliniov. County Antrim, North-ern fretand.

Receptions

Heritage of London Trust The Duke of Gloucester. Patron, Heritage of London Trust, was received by Mr Giles Shepard, Chairman, at a Reception held on Tuesday at Fishmongers' Hall to mark the 15th Anniversary of the Trust, Mr William Bell, President, Sir John Lambert, Vice-President, and Mr Julian Spicer, Director.

Service dinners

HMS Sultan Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Sec-ond Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, proposed the toast to The Immortal Memory at s dinner held last night at HMS Sultan to mark Admiral Lord Nelson's victory at the Battle of Trafalgar. Commander D.W. Pond, RN, presided, Inns of Court and City Ycomamy The Lord Mayor was the guest of honour at a dinner given by Officers of the Inns of Court and City Yeomanry last night at Lin-coln's Inn, and was received by Colonel G.D. Thompson. Major J. Fern presided. Lord Justice Gib-son, Sir Lawrence Verney, Major-General E.F.G. Burton, Brigadier N.F. Wood, Brigadier R. Heywood and Colonel A.P. Verey were

Dinners

among the guests.

Reform Club The Speaker was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Reform Club last night at the clubhouse to mark her honorary membership of the club. Mr John B. Elliott, chairman, presided. Old Millhillians Club The Old Millhillians Club held a dinner on Friday, October 18, 1996, at the RAC Club, Pall Mall, at

which the retiring President, Mr R. Samuels, inducted Mr Jim Roberts as President for the forthcoming year. The Headmaster was the principal speaker. West Downs School

West Downs School The Centenary Dinner of the OWD Society was held on Mon-day at Brooks's. Mr Daniel Hodson was in the Chair and the guests of honour were Mr and Mrs Reginald Severn. The guest speakers were Mr Tom Geddes, Prin-cipal of King Alfred's College. Winchester and Mr Charles Rigby. The dinner was sttended by 70 OWDs from 1917 to 1977. Any OWD wishing to make contact with the Society should write to the Hon Secretary D.C.H. Howard,

Ranvilles Farm, Romsey, Hampshire, SO5I 6AA.

Luncheons

HM Government Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mrs Rifkind were the hosts at a luncheon given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at I Carlton Gardens in honour of the Presi-dent of Poland and Mrs Kwasniewski. Tallow Chandlers' Company

sented the company's medals and awards to young employees in the Federation of Fats, Oils and Seeds Association at a luncheon held yesterday at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. Mr A. Asuni was awarded the Duncan Knight Scholarship and Mr D. Rosen the Theatre Lighting Award. Mid Atlantic Club/ESU Dr K.P. Klaiber, Head of Policy

Planning, Ministry of Foreign

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.A.A. Coleman

and Miss E.O. Rawlinson The engagement is announced between Dominic, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Coleman. of Reigate. Surrey and Eleanor, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Rawlinson, of Arkesden, Essex. Mr E.C. Eadie

and Miss E.J.V. Laurenson The engagement is announced between Edward, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Alastair Eadle. of Bourne Orchard, Brickendon. Hertford, and Emily, eldesi daughter of Mr and Mrs James Laurenson. of Hill House. Kirknewton, Midlothian. Mr J.N. Holmes-Milner and Miss A. Throp

and Muss A. Introp The engagement is announced between James, only son of Dr and Mrs J.C. Holmes-Milner, of Bexhill, Susser, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D. Throp, of Sutton, Surrey. Mr S.H.R. Lubbock and Miss M.C. Yates The engagement is announced between Stephen Henry Ralph. son of Mr John Lubbock, of Chelsea, and Mrs Anne Powell, of St Margaret's Bay, and Melissa Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jan Yates, of Steeple Bumpstead. Mr C.M. Phipps Mr C.M. Propps and Ms P. Payne The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Phipps, of Douglas. Isle of Man, and Polly. daughter of

Dr and Mrs Sebastian Payne, of Cambridge. Mr R.P. Ring and Miss S.J. Mason

The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Dr and Mrs Nicholas Ring, of Plym-outh, Devon, and Sarah, daughter of Professor and Mrs Roger Mason. of Holmes Chapel. Cheshire. Mr S.N. Wilkinson and Miss T.M. Huoter Gordan The engagement is announced between Stewart, son of Dr and

Mrs lain Wilkinson. of Cambridge, and Tamsin, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Hunter Gordon, of Kirknewton, Midlothian.

Anniversaries **Birthdays** today The Earl of Ulster celebrates his 22nd birthday today. Sir John Adye, former director, GCHQ. 57: Mr Nic Ainger. MP, 47; Sir Geoffrey Bateman, ololaryngologist, 90; Mr Phil Bennett, rugby player, 48; Signor Luciano Berio, composer, 71; Miss Lesley Bidstrup, industrial medical consultant, 80; Sir John Blelloch, civil servant, 66; Rear-Admiral J.H. Carlill, former secretary, En-gineering Council, 71; Mr PJ. Chenery, secretary, British Coun-cil, 50; Mr David Cope, former Master, Mariborough College, 52; Baroness Dacre, 67; Mr Jonathan Davies, rugby union player, 34; Sh Robin Day, broadcaster, 73; Mr Frank Delaney, writer and broad-caster, 54; Captaln Sir Thomas Dunne, Lord Lieutenant of Hereford and Worcester, 63: Dr R.A. Easton, chief executive, Delta, 48; Mr Henry Elwes, Lord-Lieutenant

Mr John Andreae and of Mrs Andreae, to Victoria, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Clive. The Rev Prebendary Michael Bartlett officiated

Boden and Lucy Slack. Mr Simon Andreae was best man.

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DEATHS: Jane Seymour, third wife of King Henry VIII, Hampton Court, 1537; Alessandro Scarlatti, composer, Naples, 1725: Francis Turner Palgrave, poet and critic, London, 1897; George Cadbury, chocolate manufacturer and social reformer, Birmingham, 1922: Su- ... san Lawrence. Labour minister 1929, London, 1947; Franz Lehar, composer, Bad Ischal, Austria, 1948; Christian Dior, couture designer, Monlecatini. Italy, 1957; Edward Burra, painter, 1976. James VI of Scotland was pro-

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The Reld: Timothy Kenefick, St Catherine's, Cambridge. The Mould: Catherine Gibaud, Cape Town.

Inns of Court awards and Mary Coll. Virginia. Worreste Oxford. and St John's

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Goldie Award: Christopher Munro, Si Alban's S and Emmanuel. Cam-bridge.

Unnanted Junior Awards: James Abrahams, Bournemouth S and SI Anne's. Oxford: David Bernan, William Hulmey GS, Manchester, and Leeds Univ, Anthony Bastow, London Oratory and Mansfield, Oxford; David Bridgeman, Exter S.

Mr M.P.A. Sogden and Miss V.A.L. Persson 6 The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of M and Mrs David Sugden of Nor. wood Green. West Yorkshire, and Victoria. daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Persson. of Plymouth Devon.

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Mr M.I.G. Wilson and Miss E.M. Loudon The engagement is announced. between Mungo. son of Mr and Mrs Richard Wilson of Westbrock House Boxford near Newbury and Emily daughter of Mr and Mrs George Loudon, of Kensing ion. London.

Marriages

Mr J.H.S. Madean and Miss C.G.M. Myddelton The marriage took place on Sat-urday. October 19. in the Henry VII Chapel. Westminster Abbey. of Mr John Maclean, elder son of the Mr John Maclean, elder son of the Rev Kenneth and Mrs Maclean, to Miss Claerwen Myddelton, daughter of Mr Hugh Myddelton and the Hon Mrs Sart Myddelton. Canon Colm Semer, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father. was grien in marriage by her father. was at-tended by Camilla Allsopp, Iady Gabriella Seymour, George Sargeant and Rollo Deutsch. Mr Anthony Van Oss was best man. A reception was held at 123 New Bond Street and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr G.E. Andreae

and Miss V.J. Clive The marriage took place on Sat-urday, October 19, at the Collegiate Church of St Endellion, North Cornwall, of Giles, son of the late

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Dylan Clive, Charly Clive, Anna

Moses Montefiore, philanthropist, Leghorn, 1784; Dame Sybil Thomdike, actress, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, 1882; Tito Gobbi, baritone, Bassando del Grappa. Italy, 1915; Marghanita Laski, writer, Manhattan, 1924.

Dame Diana Rigg after receiving an honorary degree from South Bank University, London, at Southwark Cathedral yesterday. Sir Richard Rogers, the architect, the Hon Nicholas Serota, Director of the Tate Gallery, and Anthony Atkinson, Warden of Nuffield College, Oxford, also received honorary degrees

Lincoln's Inn Pre-pupillage awards 1996-97

Pre-pupillage awards 1990-97 Scholarships Mansfield: David Allan, Trinty Hall. Cambridge: James Allpon, Christ Church, Oxford: Narita Bahra, King's Coll, London; Jessica Chappell, St Hilda's, Oxford: Natasha Condon-Dean, Leeds Univ. Sunley: Muhammed Hague, Heri-ford, Oxford: Sonia Harris, Christ Church, Oxford: Sonia Harris, Christ Church, Oxford: Simon Kerr, Keble, Oxford: Yash Kulkarni, Selwyn, Cambridge: Matthew Line, Liverpool Univ.

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Univ, Wolfsna: Justin Michaelson, Leeds Univ; Sara Mansoori, Leeds Univ; Marc Teasdale, Orici, Oxford: Clark Turnbull, Clare, Cambridge, Rachael Young, Pembroke, Oxford, Toasmed, Studentheber, Ion, Clark Tancred Studentships: Jon Close, Warwick Univ: Corin Mews, Clare, Cambridge

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Oxford: Richard Wald. Magdalen Coll S and Edinburgh Univ; Gary Woodhall Billingham Campus S. Bede Stath Form Coll and Trinky Hall. Cambridge. Birkenhead Award: Ben Quincy. Birkenhead Sand Univ Coll. Oxford.

Award: Daneth Alexis-Johnson.

Catherine's, Cambridge. The Monlic: Catherine Gibaud, Cape Town. Senior Awards 1996 (for unfunded pupilinges): the Malcolm Hübery: Philingos Edwards, Extern the Loned Shundeil: Gareth Stanston, Queens' Coll. Cambridge: the Lioned Slundeil: Rergus Harold, Durtham: the William McNair: Andrew Smiller. Trinity Coll. Onford: the John G C Phillips OC: Nigel filtch. London: the Sir Roy Wilson: Adam Western, Liverpool: the Sir Raymond Philips MC: Mara Scotland, Leeds: the Rodney Bax. John McNair: Surrey: the Sir Dingle Foor OC: Neil Griffin, Lindv Coll. Loodon: the Sir Gindle Foot QC: Claudene Reid, South Eank Poly: the Mars-Jones: Vistoria Milner, Girton Coll. Cambridge: Eds & Rayenscröft Vicola Jones, Wig & Gown Oxford. David Karmel Entratice Awards Awards: Huw Davies, Bishop of Liandsrif High School Cardiff, and London: School of Economics; Neil Har. King William's Chool Isle of Man, and Masdalen, Orford (EJ.000 plus 11.000 Ciry Univ Prize; Louise Hooper, Huton Grammar School, and St Coll. Londord: Robert Paimer, Eton, and St John's, Oxford; James, Fuesel, Monmouth School, and St Coll. Londord, Robert Paimer, Eton, and St John's, Oxford; James Presell, Monmouth School, and Travis, Phildene Drama School, and Travis, Phildene Drama School, and Westminster Univ. Award: Daneth Missis-Johnson, Juneth Marsheldon, Lancing Coll, and Westminster Univ.

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own angry passion, and the end of childish resentment is death. Job 5 : 2	BIRTHS	DEATHS					WANTED		
	PILGRIM - On 22nd October	ADAMS - Gilbert FRPS. on 20th October 1996 in his	BATCHELOR · Colin Michael died aged 67 in France. His	BOOTH - Bobert Camm, Et., CBE, TD, on October 22nd	ELGUERA - Suddenly on October 17th 1996 Amalia	JEFF - On 19th October 1996,	PIGOTT · Nicola, much loved	SYMORDS - On October 13th	PhE 1940's clothes, lines, lace
BIRTHS	1996 at The Boyai Froe Hampetead to Liea (nee	90th year, adored husband	funeral service was held at	1996. Deariv halovad	Alaida Elguera Cantuarias,	Betty, wife of the late Robert Jeff and mothet ol John	and talented danghinr of Michael and Ann and family	gaacelniiy at home in gonghkeepeia NY O.S.A.,	embroidetica, campler
	Fuller) and Glen, a daughter, Amolia Klara Jane,	of Rosalind, father of Susan, Anthony and Jane, special	the Crematorium Bordeaux on 16th October. He was	hnehand of Veronica, cherished and most loving	oniy donghtar ol Manaei Elguera Mc.Parlin and the	Alletair, aged 84 years. Private eremation.	Lance, Sne and CavLo. Private funeral, oo flowers	Andrew, beloved husband of Jenifer, very dear father of	shuwls, oriental textiles, con tume jewellery 0171 229 961
AME - On October 20th at The Fortland Hospital, to Atsuko	RHYDDERCH-ROBERTS . On	grandfather and wonderfof friend to so many. Funeral	greatly loved by his wife, all his family and many friends.	father of Anthea, Nigel, Sareh and Jonnna and	late Amalia Cantnariae Zevallos de Élguera Much	Donations, U desired, to) Nuflield Care Cantre e/o	or letters please. Donations if desired to Mental Health	Inlian and Tohy and	
(née Ueda) and Kosugi, a beantiful daughter.	October 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Helen	Service on Thursday October 31st 11.30 am nt St Nicholas	RIP.	dearest grandfather of Julia, David, Nicholas, Michael and	monrned by her triends. Foeeral Patnay Vais	Stoneman, Doran Conrt, Redhill, RH1 6AZ. Memorial	Foundation, 37 Mortimer Street, WIN SIU.	precious son of Pamela and Ronald	FOR SALE
ANDERSEN - On October 1dth	(née Fogg) and Mark, a son, Richard Arthur.	Chnrch, Holeb, near Marlhorongh, Wilte.		Judith. Funeral Service at St Alphega 9nriah Church,	Crematorinm Friday 25th Octoher at 2.30 om.	Service to be ennounced	Now she is at peace.	WACHSMANN - Eva, dlad unexpectedly and peacefully	
at The Portland Hospital, ro	RICE - On October 10th 1996.	Donations for East Kennet Croseroads c/o T. Free &	BIRKETT - Peter Ewart ol	Solihnii on Wedneeday October 20th at 2.45 gm	Enquiries to Chelees F/D, 2608 Fulham Road, SW10	WREE.	PONDER - On 18th October	on Sunday October 20th. Much loved Service will be	BLACKGLAMA mink dark rund
Jeanette and Jan-Erik, a son, (Fatrik, a brother for Niklas and Maud.	to Caroline (née St George) and Edward, a son, Henry	Sons, tel: (01d72) 512110.	Thornhory, Brietol, died suddenly in Nairobi, Kenya,	followed by private cremation. Family flowers	9EL, (0171) 352-0008.	KELLY - Alexander, planist and	Ciaire widow of Dr. A. Ponder, peacefully at the	ot The Salishnry Crematoriom on Toesday	femals stranded skins. Ful length modern design. Cos £14,500. immaculate as an
AUTERAC - On October 7th at	Charles Edward. SPRING - On October 20th at	ALLISON . "PB", 19th October	on October 21st 1996 aged 72 years. Dear husband of	only, but donations, if	FOX - On 21st October 1996 Sheila wife of the late Major	teacher. Suddenly, on 23rd Octoher 1996, aged 67.	home of John and Carol. Mother of Kit end Carol,	October 29th at 2.20 pm. Reception afterwards.	TT, SOU. Initiarciare 35 mor suport bargain £6,750. Te 0181 448 5108.
The Portland Hospital, to Bichard and Ilii, o eon,	The Portland Hospital to	1996. Inventor, Pliot, Engineer. Crimation 2.30	Pam and beloved father of Daryi, Alleon and Edwin,	desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, 61 Lincoln's	Peter Fox DL. D.S.O., much lovad mother and	Funeral at St Osmund's RC Church, London SW18, 30th	grandmother to Russell, Sam and Alexander. No flowers	WESTLAKE - Peacefully after	THE TIMES - 1791-1996 othe
Alexander Edward James, o hrother for Charlotte,	Sarhra (née Lange) and Jeremy, o beaotifni small	Tuesday 29th October, Poole Crematoriom. Flowers to	Enquiries to L & J Guivell Funeral Directors, 1 Quaker	Inn Fields, London WC2A	grendmother. Service or	October st 3.30 pm.	but donations to The National Trust. Memorial	graai anflering hravely borne on 21st October,	titles available. Renty for pre sentallon also Supervis Remember When. 0121-68
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BARGATE - On 21st October at	STEWART - On October 22nd ot St Thomas' Bospitol,	Scierosis Society.		BROOKES · On October 21st suddenly but peacefully in	private. Family flowers only	LEAVER - On October 22nd	Berkshire. All enquiries to Tomalins (01491) 573370.	Emest, much loved by the whola family. Funerei St	YORK, PENMANT, slate, lime
Rosie Maternity, Cambridge, a son, William Nicholas, to	London to Anna (née Nicholas) and Alan, e son,	RAKER - Katharine Stella, N.B.E., greatly loved widow		Exeter. Denisoo (Denis) Hayward Newling aged 80 of	ha aant to St Colamba'a	horne Joan Mary, beloved wife of the lata Kenneth		Peter's, Challey, 25th Octoher 1.30 pm.	floor time. Cobble setts, stop
Gynis (pés Leightoo) and Qoentin, a hrother lor	Oliver James Micholas.	of Frederick, guardian Junt of John Chick, aunt of Anne	BLACKETT-ORI lohn Christopber (Jock),	Budleigh Salterton, formerly of The Bank ol England.	Hospies, Boswoli Road, Edinburgh	William Leaver, much loved mother of Christopher, Peter	RAM - Edward David Abei (Ned) paaaefniiy on Tuesday, 22nd October 1996	Arrangemente & a Matthews (01444) 441515.	trought, matoury sorvice. Not a interant del BoOey Beztal 01380 \$50039 (Wilts)
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BURBANKS - On October 20th, to Aya and Adrian, a son,	Samantha (nee Boyston) and Shaun, a beantiful daughter,	Middleton, Satah Jane Payne and Sophia Fielder, died	Whitflaid, at 2.30 om on i	Sne and Kevin, Nick and Cindy and proved grandfather	Marion on 21st October in Rigb Wycomba Hoaqiiai	Pensiope, Funeral Service at	loved husband of Fin and devoied inther of Harry.	(nee Greenfield), peacefully on 21et October 1996, aged	OVERSEAS TRAVEL
Tomoya Christopher, a brother for James.	Kirs Lilly, Grondchud to	peacefully in her sleep at	Mondny 28th October, Family flowers only.	of Hannnh, Kieran and Rosemary, Service at Exeter	after an illness borne with immense courage. Beloved	9.30 am on Tuesday October 29th at St Michael and All	Private famUy fineral to take place in Cornwoil.	82, of Rivington, Lancashire and Also of ingworth,	OVERSEAS TRAVEL
BUTT - On October 17th at The	Sandra and Leslie, Marianne and Ben.	Highfield Nursing Home, Ware, in the early hours of		and Devon Crematorium Wednesday October 30th at	wife of Geoffrey (deceased). Dearly beloved sister sod	Angsie, Bedford Fark, Foltowed by privots cremation. Family flowers	Memorini Sarvice to he	Norfolk and Market Rasen, Lineolosbire. Private	POSTUGAL & Canarias, Alt press
Portland Hospital, to Yasmin and Shahid, benotiful twin	WAKEFELD - On September 11th, to Kirry (nee Sharpe)	Saturday 19th October, after e gentle decline, aged 92.		11.30 am. Family flowers	annt, and dear Irlend to many. Poneral Service at St	only please bet if desired donations to Cancer Bellef		funeral	Villas Alta Canarda, Alt press Villas Apts, hotels, pous de golf hois, flights, Longmon Int'l 0121 654 2424. Retai
sons, Ahmer and Sheraz. CLACKSON - Tom and Michele	aad Hilary, a daoghter, Sneannah, a eistar lor	The funeral service will be at 2.30 pm on Thursday 7th	BOND On October 18th 1996, Elizabeth, aged 82 years.	only please, donations in lieu if desired to Fairlynch	Peter and St Paul Church, Great Missenden, on Friday	donations to Cancer Relief Macmilian Fund to 15	REEVES - Philip Henry, on October 18th 1996, aged 62.	IN MEMORIAM	int'l Otat 654 2424. Retai
would like to announce the arrival of o perfect daaghter,	Helena.	November at Holy Trinity Church, Littie Amwall,	Much loved Mother of Sally and Joilet, ioving Grandmother of Catherine,	Museum & Art Centre c/o Palment Funeral Service, 45	1st November at 1245 pm	Britten Street, London SW3 3TZ, All enquiries to W.S.	Died suddenly after a short illness. Best friend, adored	PRIVATE	
Josephine Francesca Power, born oo 14th October at	WALSH - On October 14th at The Portland Hospital, to	Retifierd Heath, followed by cremation, Family flowers	Piona, Charles and Edward,	High Street, Budleigh Salterton, Devon EX9 6LF.	Family flowers only glease but donations to Macmillan	3TZ. All enquiries to W.S. Bond (0181) 994-0277.	and much loved husband of Gill Mentor and dear father		GIFTS
2am.	Annis and Andrew, a beantiful daughter, Claudia,	only please, but donations if desired to the Royal British	Privete Cremation followed by a Service of Thanksgiving		Nurses may be sent c/o Great Missenden Funeral Services,		of Nicola and Lindsay. Much loved grandfather of Emma	RUGILES . The Silver Shooting Star brought us to	
COOK - On September 6th at The Portland Hospital, 10	a eleter for Charile and Isobel	Legion Poopy Appeal, c/o Alfred Scales, 11 Church	at St Laurence Church, The Moor, Hawkburst on Monday	CAMERON - Janice Hazei aged 37 years, on October 19th	106 High Street, Great Miscondon, Sncks. HP1d	MARTIN - MHA Peacefully on October 21et, Manrice,	and Nia. A unique man, who will be desperately missed.	where we are carried over avarything wa hava been	A BIRTHDATE Newspaper Original
Patrick and Suzanne, a boantitol son, lacob, a	WRIGLEY · On October 20th	Street, Hertford, in memory	November 4th mt 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, hnt	1996. Deariy beloved danghter of Sheiagh and	OBE.	beloved husband of Pamela and much loved father of	Privata cremailon, lamily flowers only. Celebration of	through so far, our hearts are hound in hoos and	nal. Superbiy prosented Freephoos 0800 906609
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Matthew Harding, vice-chairman of Chelses Football Club, died in a helicopter crash on October 22 aged 42. He was born nn December 26, 1953.

though it was his success as a businessman, in insurance, that enabled him to cut the dash he did in public, it is for his passion for footbalt -embodied in a long love affair with chelsea FC and all its works - that Manhew Harding will be most generally remembered. His long-running feud with Chetsea's chairman Ken Bates, resolved in a somewhat uneasy truce only six months ago, was, as he saw it, a battle for the "soul" of the club.

should the Chetsea of the future be theut a brand-new stadium, big upporation atmosphere and welluppolstered entertainment facilities for the great and the good? Or should the shortey he and others had purped into the club be devoted to the pursuit of excitement on the pitch whe kind that had given the Chelsea of the late Sixties and early Seventies its glamorous image and made it sponymous with the King's Road culture of Mary Quant and Ossie Chrk?

In contrast with Bates, who wanted the luturistic stadium. Harding was a man who dreams of once again seeing the likes of Peter Osgood and Charlie Cooke strolling the Stamford Bridge turf with easy elegance, while Peter Bonetti lurked watchfully beween the goalposts. He looked back to an era in which Chelsea could win both FA Cup and European Cup Winners' Cup in successive seasons with displays of verve and style. Not that he was backward-looking. Twenly years Bates's junior, he believed passionately in a vibrant new Chelsea team to be assembled by the club's brilliam new player-manager, the former Dutch star Ruud Gullit. In all things Harding was in complete contrast with his chairman. A frething pint of Guinness, downed in the socal pub among the fans, was

MATTHEW HARDING



his idea of a tipple - not the effervescent products of Epernay. quaffed in the opulent atmosphere of the directors' box among distinguished guests. Although a man who had prospered during the Thatcherite ethos of the 1980s with his Benfield reinsurance broking company, he was an avowed Labour supporter, and had just donated El million to the party's coffers, generally regarded as a record for an individual donation.

When asked how he visualised the millennium he saw it totally in football and political terms: "Tony Blair in Downing Street, Glenn Hoddle winning the European championships - and obviously Chelsea as league champions." When he was removed from the Chelsea board-

room he simply shrugged his shoul-ders and decamped to the new North Stand which had been built with ES million of his own money. There he set up camp among the fans with whom he felt most at home.

Matthew Harding was born in Haywards Heath, Sussex, and grew up in prosperous-enough circumstances. His father, a Lloyd's underwriter, was able to seed him to Abingdon School, but it was an experience which was to fill him with a dislike of the public school and rugby-playing ethos. From the age of eight he was a regular attender on the Chelsea terraces, developing a love of the club which never afterwards left him.

im. After leaving school with only one 1973, he was soon making rapid

THE HON CHARLES TENNANT

A level he went to work in a bank in

Haywards Heath where, as he later

said, his most onerous task was to

shut the main doors at the end of the

working day, After six months of this

he went to the City to work at the

Anglo-Portuguese Bank in Bishops

gate. This was little more congenial

and he was soon dismissed after

dropping anchor at his local pub for

But his fortunes were about to

change with dramatic suddenness.

While having a drink in a City pub

with his father he was introduced to

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for infringing her copyright and won substantial damages. She donated the proceeds to a charity helping recovering drug addicts.

For several years Tennant managed to keep some control on his addiction. In 1978 he helped to launch a formightly magazine called Chelsea Scoop, for which he inter-

KATE ALDERSON

Kate Alderson. journalist, died on October 23 aged 28. She was born on August 29, 1968.

progress. By 1980 he had been offered

the opportunity to acquire 10 per cent

of the company's shares. In 1982 he

bought out his proprietor, borrowing

E160,000 to buy a 32 per cent stake in

the company. This stake was to increase its value to more than

EtSO million in the years which followed. Last year the company made a profit of £32 million. By that

time Harding was one of Britain's

Harding's business association with Chelsea Football Club came in

1994 when he answered a request

from its chairman, Ken Bates, for investment. Harding ploughed 226.5 million into the Stamford

Bridge ground, and became a direc-

tor of the club. This direct involve-

ment in Chelsea seemed only to

increase his enthusiasm for the club and its football, and he was a familar

sight before matches in the Imperial

Arms in King's Road, where he

would meet friends and discuss the

prospects for the impending match.

washing down the conversation with

But his aim of buying the best

players and building up a strong

learn brought him mio conflict with

his chairman, who wanted to use the

money on a futuristic new stadium, A

classic tabloid newspaper feud devel-

lage, the club's parent company,

and one daughter, and by a daughter

from his relationship with his girl-

friend Vicky Jaramillo.

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KATE ALDERSON was striking in every respect: tall. beauoful, energetic, good company. At just 28 she had made a name for herself and had a distinguished career ahead of her. But although ambinous she had a great sense of honnur and ethics.

She was always fizzing with enthusiasm - about her work, her tife, her friends, even her enemies. Friendships mattered to her enormously and she keps them in good repair.

Her arrival as The Times's northwest correspondent 212 years ago was typical of the way she won people over. She worked in a separate office from The Sun's team of seven northern reporters, but became the first rival journalist to be allowed into the tabloid newspaper's inner sanctum. Kate Alderson's sensitivity and integrity in coping with the victims of tragedy stood her in great stead during her period in Manchester. She

oped between the two men, with had to work on many heartrending stories, including a allegations of wrongdoing by each against the other reaching lantasy string of horrific attacks on children and the IRA's Manchester bombings. The disagreement was finally resolved in March of this year; by that She was educated at time Harding no longer had his seat Sedgefield School, Co Duron the board. He became viceham. Darlington Sixth Form College and Manchester chairman of the club, but retained a 28.5 per cent stake in the company University. Caught up by the and was chairman of Chelsea Vilwave of music and culture that drowned the city in the late Besides Guinness and oysters, Harding was a devotee of Bob Dylan 1980s, Kate, a natural night owl, was entranced. Her love and knowledge of Manchester were repaid when she reand was given to quoting the sayings of Holden Caulfield from J. D. Salinger's Catcher in the Rye. He is turned several years later as a survived by his wife Ruth, three sons

reporter. After leaving university she travelled the world. She taught English in Taiwan,

before moving on to Perih. Western Australia, where she worked as a helicopter ground control operator and also a housing welfare officer. On her return to Britain, she was a psychiatric nurse for six months.

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Fiercely committed, she joined journalism's fast track, winning a place on the news-paper diploma course at City University, London, Her frank, blunt honesty swiftly marked her out. While her persistent questioning of journalistic techniques sometimes got her into trouble with the lecturers, it won the respect of those who were less willing to lob the questions which need-

ed to be asked. With two others from the course, she joined The Times as a trainee in September 1992. Again. it was fully in character that before her final interview she cold-called a successful trainee from the previous year's intake for a full and frank briefing on what to expect. By the end of that phone call, that trainee had himself been bewitched into joining Kate's circle of friends. She is survived by her parents and two brothers.

The Hon Charles Tennant, son of Lord Glenconner, died of hepatitis C on October 19 aged 39. He was born on February 15, 1957.

WITH the blond good looks and impish charm of a learaway angel. Charlie Tennant was the erratic but amiable eldest son of Lord Glenconner. ir to a title and le was the he

tion which played a central role in his recuperation. "I slept for about six months," Tennant later recalled. "I just slept and ate, and slowly 1 started regaining an interest n life.'

In recent years Tennant was involved in campaigning for Tennant who succeeded as 3rd Baron in 1983. His mother, more understanding of those with drugs problems and, although he lought shy of the publicity which had hounded Lady Glenconner, was ladyin-waiting to Princess Margaret and the Princess alw

moved away from industrial associations and by the turn of the century were established in a vast mock-baronial castle. The Glen, in Peebleshire. Charles Edward Pevensey Tennant was born in London, the eldest son of Colin

had nurtured military ambitions, he dropped them, he said, with his first tab of acid. But the edgy paranoia which LSD so often causes led him towards opiates to calm

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considerable family fortune, but traded all this privilege for the precarious fringes of life when, as a young man, he began to experiment with drugs. For some twenty years he struggled with a life of addiction. In 1976 his father took the inevitable, but nonetheless dif-

ficult, jeep of disinheriting him in favour of his second son. Henry. But it was when this brother gave Charlie a comage on the family estate in Peebleshire that he - taking refuge there from the temptations of urban drug culture -began to fight his way back to recovery. He met Sheilagh Scott, a fundraiser for Help the Aged, later to become his wife, and it was her patient support and unfailing devo-

his life, he was prepared to speak out openly in the cause of those who had undergone similar experiences to himself. "If what I, or someone like me, says gets through to even one or two people and gives them and their parents hope, then it is worth it. There certainly is a way out of the nightmare of drug addiction and there is normal life beyond it."

The Tennants were an Ayrshire family who made their money during the Industrial Revolution when they created a bleaching process which successfully allied itself to Scotland's rising linen manufacture industry. Tennant's Stalk, their mighty factory chimney, stood proudly in Glasgow as a symbol of their success. But the family soon

remained a close friend of the At first he intended merely to' enjoy himself for a while, to family. Charles spent a restless childhood moving belive out his youth to the full before settling down to his adult responsibilities. rween the family's various homes whether in London or Norfolk, in Peebleshire or the But with a habit costing him

Caribbean island of Mustique upwards of £100 a day he was which his father turned into a increasingly in trouble fashionable resort. though never in jail - even He was educated at Clifton resorting once to stealing pho-College and at a coeducational tographs of Princess Margaret progressive school, Frencham Heights, and, if his schooling from his mother's private alburn to sell them to the press. was somewhat fitful, he had a The proceeds were enough to sharp natural intelligence and buy him a "a quarter gram of a boyish curiosity. It was this, gear". although the dealer who passed them on to the perhaps, which led to his first Daily Mail received £3,000. experiments with drugs. He was still a teenager, excited by Tennant might never have Woodstock and the world of been discovered as the culprit had suspicion not fallen on an 1960s rock, when he started smoking marijuana and try-ing LSD. The mind-altering innocent person, whereupon he promptly owned up. His substances opened up a whole mother later sued the paper

time, strolling down the King's Road, with his punky blond hair and jaunty smile. But as his addiction worsened he was driven into increasing despair. "I felt so lonely on heroin," he said. "I would wake up in the morning in bleak despair, but all I could do to make myself feel better

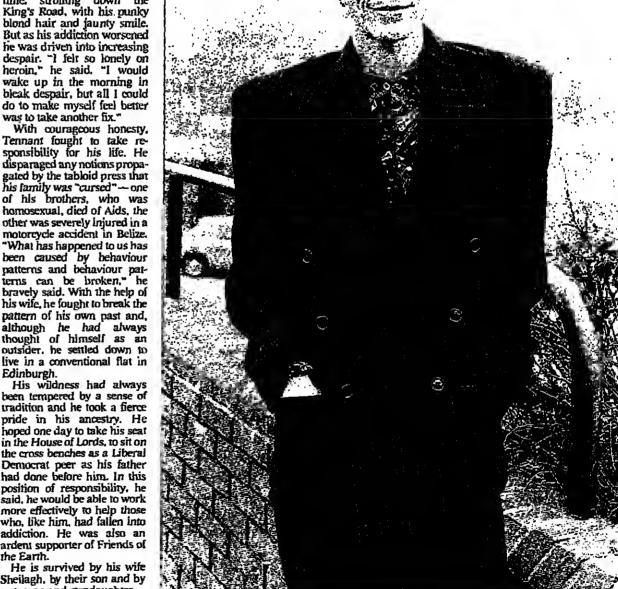
was to take another fix." With courageous honesty, Tennant fought to take re-sponsibility for his life. He disparaged any notions propagated by the tabloid press that his family was "cursed" -- one of his brothers, who was homosexual, died of Aids, the other was severely injured in a motorcycle accident in Belize. "What has happened to us has been caused by behaviour patterns and behaviour patterns can be broken," he bravely said. With the help of his wife, he fought to break the pattern of his own past and, although he had always thought of himself as an outsider, he settled down to

Edinburgh. His wildness had always been tempered by a sense of tradition and he took a fierce pride in his ancestry. He hoped one day to take his seat in the House of Lords, to sit on the cross benches as a Liberal Democrat peer as his father had done before him. In this position of responsibility, he said, he would be able to work more effectively to help those who, like him, had fallen into addiction. He was also an ardent supporter of Friends of the Earth. He is survived by his wife

Sheilagh, by their son and by a stepson and stepdaughter.

NORWICH MUSICAL FESTIVAL

NORWICH, Oct. 23. This morning's concert had the unusual merit of being only of moderate length, for the first part contained nothing but Beethoven's C Minor symphony, the second nothing but becautively se Verdi's Requiem. A good performance was given of the symphony, and the mass was sung and played with a degree of perfection most rare, even when, as here, conductor and soloists are in perfect sympathy with the style in which the work is written. It is difficult to imagine a better performance in any way, for Mr. Randegger was an inimate friend of Verdi, and is the happy possessor of a score in which the composer made sundry marks that differ from the printed version. Except a crescendo substituted for a diminuendo in the crescenzo substituico for a alminienzo in the choral part of the lovely "Agnus," none of the alterations are of more than historical im-portance. To hear the solo parts sung as they were by Mme. Albani, Miss Ada Crossley, and Messrs, Ben Davies and Andrew Black was to receive a memorable lesson in the resources of the vocal art. In the present day too many of the younger singers are striving to obtain emotional or interpretative power by means of forcing their voices and transgressing at many points the rules and traditions that have been



ON THIS DAY October 24, 1902

The 19th century saw the rise of the music festival in many English cities — among them Norwich, Birmingham, Leods and Sheffield. The emphasis was on choral music and every festival generally presented one new work. The programme at Norwich included first performances by Sir Alexander Mackenzie and Sir Charles Stanford.

handed down by the singers of old time. At no point was the performance of the solo parts in St Andrews-hall to-day less than exquisitely expressive, yet the standard of vocalization was throughout the very highest. Granted such conditions, the music speaks for itself, and most eloquently, to every sympathetic hearer. It is a truism to say that Mme, Albani's conception of the part is consummately artistic, and, even though her highest notes are not always taken as easily as in past years, she is still unapproachable in music that demands the fervour of devotion. The unaccompanied opening of "Agnus Dei" was a marvel of

delicate singing in both voices, and the soprano's delivery of "Sed signifer Sanctus Michael" was thrilling in the intensity of its hope. No less excellent was Miss Crossley's phrasing of the lead in the "Lacrimosa," white Mr. Ben Davies in "Ingemisco" and Mr Black in "Mors stupebil" were admirably dramatic in exactly the right way. The performance was in all respects a memorable one.

In the course of an uncommonly miscella-neous concert to night, which began with selections from several fine operas that have for the most part dropped out of the modern for the most part dropped call of the modern reperiore, a number of new works were given, all of which, in a programme more carefully arranged, would undoubtedly have made more success than they did. The first was a new "trish rhapsody" by Sir Charles Stanford, consisting of two fine characteristic and well-contrasted junes called respectively "Leather-here Descrift", a construct build be the transmission "Emer's Farewell to Cuchullin," an expressive strain in a gentler mood. The first is the main subject of the work, and returns after the second has been discussed its rhythmical figure furnishing in combination with the second tune the material of the beautiful coda. It is, as might be expected, scored with all possible richness of effect, and is a typical and most successful example of the master's work.

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While not formal proof that eating beef gave the victims the disease, the scientist who led the research said: "All lines of ..Page 1 evidence converge on this conclusion"

Major offers action on stalking

John Major stunned the Commons by announcing that the Government would pilot through measures to tackle stalkers and child-sex offenders. The Prime Minister seized on an offer by Tony Blair to assist their speedy passage Pages 1, 12, 13

Harding memorial Compensation cut

Chelsea football club is to name its new north stand in honour of its multi-millionaire vice-chairman Matthew Harding who was killed with four others in a helicopter crash Pages L 3

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Death threat plea

to her son

Irish talks dispute The British and Irish governments were at odds over plans to include Sinn Fein in cross-party Northern Ireland talks Page 2

Smoking and memory

Scientists have shown that nicoone, the active ingredient in tobacco smoke. improves memory by stimulaong the transmission of nerve impulses in the .Page 5 brain.

Father jailed

A judge who jailed a father for ten years for brutalising his son said a social services decision to place the boy with him "beggared belief". Page 6

School crisis

The Government will ask the Chief Inspector of Schools to send assessors into the Yorkshire school where teachers are threatening to strike unless 61 "unleach-

Landowner's anguish

measures

Children enjoy autumn sun on Bournemouth beach yesterday as lemperatures in the south of England equalled the Mediterranean

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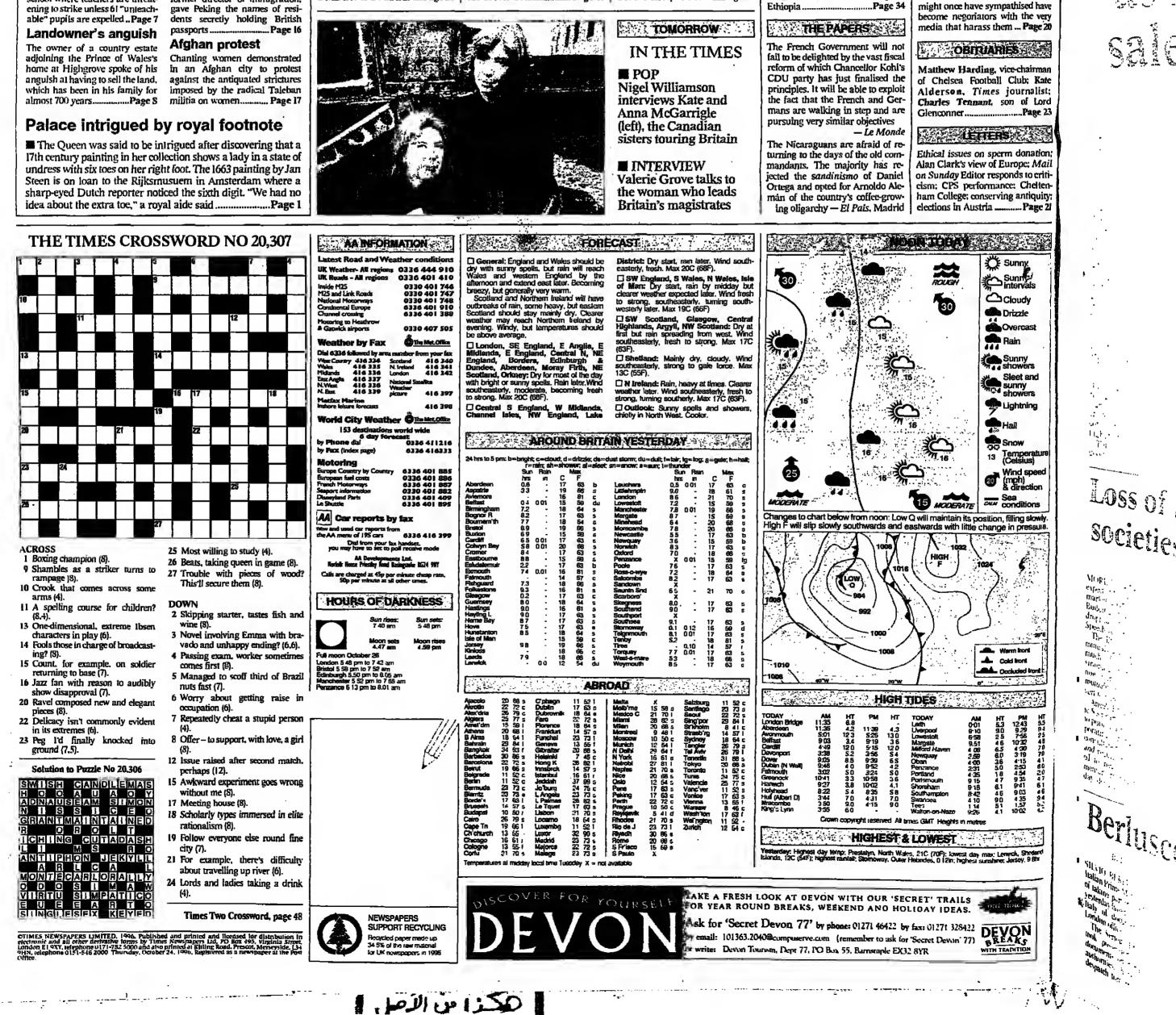
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ETER PIDDEL

THE money men are preparing to make an assault on Britain's battle tanks. Cowie Group, the Sunder-land company best known as a car dealer, yesterday said it would be prepared to set up a £1 billion deal to buy all the Army's Challenger 2 tanks - and to lease them back for a monthly payment. According to Cowie, there is fun-

damentally no difference between leasing a tank and a Ford Mondeo

- a more familiar line of work for Cowie Interleasing. Robert Blower. a company spokesman, said: "It's perfectly possible. We would like to buy them off the Ministry of Defence]. We could save them a lot of money." Leasing Challenger 2s, which cost about £2.5 million each, would present some unusual problems.

Selling tanks into the second-hand market at the end of the lease could cause a few political difficulties. And if a tank was lost in a battle with

Saddam Hussein, it might be diffi-cult to find someone willing to take repossession. But, a few contractual complexities apart. Cowie insists that its financial engineering skills are just as easily applied to tanks as to any other asset

Cowie has just done a leasing deal with the MoD covering 1,400 trucks, tractors and other more specialist pieces of material handling equipment. Mr Blower said that although no formal discussions about tanks have taken place, the company has suggested extending the scope of the leasing deal. "The MoD are looking at all sorts of areas of operations," he said. "There are no 'no-go' areas. If they do want to lease battle tanks. we will be first in the queue."

An MoD spokesman agreed the Ministry had not ruled anything out - although leasing tanks was not something that it had looked at yet. The MoD has recently agreed a controversial £1.66 billion deal to sell 57,400 homes for military personnel to a consortium of finan-

ciers led by Nomura. the Japanese securities group. The MoD has ordered 386 Challenger 2 tanks - enough for eight regiments.

Cowie said McDonnell Douglas, the American defence giants, and Lockheed are already talking to former Eastern bloc countries about the possibility of leasing them military aircraft. Cowie can trace its origins back to

the 1930s, when it began buying job lots of ex-Army motorbikes, which

reconditioned and were then resprayed and sold to the public. Demand from the public slumped with the onset of the Second World War, but business boomed as the Army bought the reconditioned bikes with a fresh coat of khaki. The group has become one of the country's largest bus operators through a series of acquisitions, including the £282 million purchase of British Bus in June and the £24.5

million purchase of North East Bus in August,

Consumers still resisting stores' attempts to lift prices Harding's death may force float - 5.0% By JASON NISSE BENFIELD GROUP may be forced into a stock market flotation as a result of the death of Matthew Harding. its chairman. Such a move could value the insurance group as high as £700 million. The flotation could be prompted by the executors of Mr Harding's will, who will control his 33 per cent stake and may look to realise it in the interests of Mr Harding's beneficiaries. An adviser to Mr Harding said that Benfield had been considering whether it might want to float in the next couple of years and that the possible sale of the stake could hasten ibe proces Benfield has three businesses - reinsurance broking, of which Mr Harding was one of



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STOCK MARKET

Rate rise less likely as retail sales slip BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

HIGH STREET sales slipment and appears to strengthped back in September amid en the Chancellor's resistance evidence that consumers are to Bank of England calls for resisting retailers' attempts higher interest rates. Kenneth to increase prices. Sales volumes fell by 0.3 per cent, compared with a 0.9 per Clarke meets Eddie George. Governor of the Bank, next for their monthly also



cent increase in August, revised down from the 1 per cent reported previously, according to the Office for National Statistics.

Against a year ago, retail sales were up 35 per cent, compared with the year-onyear rise recorded in August of 4.3 per cent.

Angela Knight, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, gave the figures a positive interpretation, saying: "The fall in September sales followed a rise in August, and the two months together suggest conditions in the high street are bustling." fast

The latest figures suggest that, although consumer spending is on a steadily rising trend, there are few signs of a 1980s-style consumer boom and that there is considerable resistance to higher prices. This combination is very

good news for the Govern-

Alex Garrard, of UBS, said that the retail sales news appeared to confirm the message of this week's industrial trends survey from the Confederation of British Industry. which was suggestive of a benign inflation environment and a less than explosive recovery in manufacturing. Mr Garrard said that this

sion on monetary policy.

economic evidence, coupled with sterling's relentless rise over recent weeks, should mean that the chances of a rate rise after next Wednesday's monetary meeting are fading

The main reason for the fall in overall sales was a sharp 3 per cent decline in sales of clothing and footwear. This appeared to have been caused by a 5.2 per cent rise in prices in the month, the largest monthly rise since this statistical series began, in 1947.

In August, clothing and

footwear sales rose by a hefty 2.5 per cent, and retailers were clearly confident enough to try to raise their margins the following month. However, as David Bloom. of HSBC James Capel put it, consumers continue to operate guerrilla tactics, refusing to buy at higher prices. "This type of price behaviour bodes well for the future," he said. Household goods sales, which jumped by 2.6 per cent

in August, fell back by 0.5 per cent. However, this category of sales is still 6.4 per cent higher than a year ago. This is about twice as fast as retail sales growth overall, a mark of the recovery in the housing market this year. Food sales were up 0.5 per

cent in September and 0.9 per cent higher than a year ago. Government bonds rallied in response to the sales fig-

of publicity last month.

The regulator says it has

received a number of com-

plaints about the card, which

have been passed on to British Gas. Ofgas plans to issue a consultation document on the

issue in a few days, seeking

views from interested parties.

Any investigation by the regu-

lator could eventually lead to

A British Gas spokesman

said: "It really is not a loyalty

card. It is offered by a com-

pany outside British Gas. We

its withdrawal.

ures, which were weaker than

the 0.1 per cent decline that the City had expected. Short sterling futures, a good guide to interest rate expectations, also rallied as the chance of a rate rise receded somewhat. However, gilts then fell, along with other European bond markets, after Otmar Issing, chief economist of the Bundesbank, ruled out any further German rate cuts.

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Loss of Bill may spur more societies to aim for market

BY SARA MCCONNELL

MORE building societies are expected to head for the stock market after a long awaited Building Sociecies Bill was dropped from the Queen's Speech yesterday. The Bill would have freed

mutual building societies from much of the red tape con-straining their activities. But now even keen supporters of mutuality may choose to convert to public companies.

Angela Knight, the Economic Secretary, vowed last night to publish a revised Bill incorporating changes made in consultation with the industry and regulators. She is expected to negotiate with parliamentary managers for a half-day dehate in an attempt to definition of the "two-year"

push the Bill through. In a speech to intermediary mortgage lenders last night she said such a move would "only be possible if the Bill in its revised form is seen to be a takeover.

uncontentious and, of course, if that window appears". The Treasury said that there was a real danger that more societies would convert to public companies if the legislative framework governing them was not changed.

Building societies want the revised Bill to include measures to protect mutuals from predatory takeover bids from newly converted societies in the early years.

rule under which only members of two years' standing can receive cash bonuses or variable distributions of shares on

The Halifax Building Soci-ety will today outline further details of its flotation plans through the Stock Exchange, including the timetable for conversion and share dealing. Members will be contacted next month and told what the balances of their accounts were on November 1994, the first of two qualifying dates for calculating bonus payouts. The second date will be the

date of the special meeting.

Ofgas investigates the Goldfish card BY CAROLINE MERRELL

OFGAS, the gas regulator. people to sign up. Customers has started an investigation into Goldfish, the British Gas are not sent details of the card with their gas bill." Goldfish is currently being marketed through a £10 milcredit card launched in a blaze

lion advertising campaign fea-turing Billy Connolly.

Goldbrand Development, the joint venture company offering the card, is adamant that the Goldfish does not come under Ofgas control. Martin Rutland, Goldbrand Development spokesman, said: "The company is partly owned by HFC Bank, which is regulated

by the Bank of England." Cardholders can build up points which can be used to get a discount on their gas bills. One pound spent on the Pennington, page 27 Conversion path, page 29 the British Gas database to get points will give £1 off the bill.

Berlusconi bid to block SFO transfer fails

BY PAUL DURMAN

s SILVIO BERLUSCONI, the former Italian Prime Minister who is accused of taking part in a £51 million fraud, yesterday failed to block the transfer to Italy of documents seized from a London office.

The Serious Fraud Office, which took possession of 15 bundles of documents on behalf of the Italian authorities, hopes to be able to despatch tomorrow any papers rele-

vant to the inquiry in Italy. Lawyers acting for Signor Berlusconi and his company Fininvest will also make a last-ditch attempt tomorrow to mount an appeal to the House of Lords.

The papers came from the Regent Street offices of CMM Corporate Services, a company believed to have key information about the illegal political payments Signor Berlusconi is alleged to have made using Fininvest's money. CMM is ultimately owned by the Union Bank of Switzerland.

Signor Berlusconi and Fininvest, which has wide interests in televisioo and publishing, had sought to challenge the legitimacy of the SFO search of CMM's premises and of its inten-tion to hand over information. If successful, this would have been a serious blow to the SFO's "section 2" nowers that allow it to assist in the nvestigation of overseas fraud cases. Lord Justice Simon Brown, sitting with Mr Justice Gage, rejected the suggestion that the SFO raid amount-

ed to a fishing expedition, saying that the request for help from the Italian authorities was as precise and focused as fitl could sensibly be". Signor Berlusconi's lawyer asked

the judges to certify that their rulings constituted points of law of general public importance - a move that would open the way to an appeal.

But although he granted tomorrow's hearing, Lord Justice Brown made it clear that he had little sympathy for this argument.

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duty on gambling after holding in the Benfield & Rea yesterday's decision by Oflot. Investment Trust. George the National Lonery Soros, the investor, yesterday regulator, to allow the launch declared a 3.7 per ceot stake io by Camelot of a £4 million Benfield & Rea. midweek draw. Tony Burridge, another Benfield executive, also died in Page 26 the helicopter accident. WPP fall A spokesman for the com-A fall in the WPP share price pany said the directors were too shocked by the news to wiped out prospects of an consider the group's future. early Christmas bonus for Martin Sorrell, the chief Chelsea tribute, page I executive, Obituary, page 23 | Page 27

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BUSINESS NEWS Π Construction recovery signalled by surveyors h٤ ħε

IN BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

provement in construction re-

covery is a still-sluggish hous-

ing market where slow house-

building has been impeded by

some planning hold-ups. The report also highlights low

government spending and the

"lacklustre performance" of

the Private Finance Initiative

as putting a further brake on

Richard Houghton, RICS

construction industry spokes-

man, said: "There can be little

doubt that growth is being powered mainly by the private

sector. When a number of

building projects, both large

and other National Lottery

ployment levels will increase.

is mixed. The greatest increase

in workload came in the Mid-

lands and East Anglia at 5.5

per cent. while London and

the South East experienced a

1.1 per cent rise. It fell 0.3 per

cent in the North of England, 1

per cent in Wales and the

South West, and 1.8 per cent in

Northern Ireland. Scotland saw a decrease of 4.5 per cent

Geographically, the picture

construction

CONSTRUCTION has shifted out of recession and is showing solid recovery, according to brworkload levels among charp tered surveyors in the sector. Trends seen in the workloads ti and expectations of chartered surveyors are taken as reliable indicators of future patterns because they are involved in the initial stages of construction projects.

However, the third-quarter survey from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors is tempered with caution. The ² report comments on the 1.4 per cent increase in workload over the previous three months: and small, get under way next year, and Millennium Fund 1 The long-awaited recovery res mains on course, but nobody is predicting a boom, and the initiatives start to come on mood is sober." The year-onstream, new orders and emyear figure is static.

The recovery taking shape has so far been fuelled largely by a substantial upturn io private commercial property which has been triggered by the retail market, the growth in the leisure industry and an increased demand for higher quality office space

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A National Lottery midweek draw is opposed by bookmakers, who say it will further tilt the playing field against them

NatWest targets high-flyers with Advantage account

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

NATWEST is to launch a new "top tier" bank account for high-fivers who are prepared to pay £150 a year to enjoy the services of a personal bank year Gold Plus service, into manager, free travel insur-Advantage. Gold Plus currentance, discounted meals and ly has more than 100,000 theatre tickets. The bank denied that this more than £25.000 a year. signalled the end of free

as local government reorganisation led to delays in local personal banking. authority building projects. The new current account, to

Workload expectations from be known as NatWest Advantage Banking Premier, is chartered surveyors for next year are static, with a net aimed at new and existing balance of 30 per cent predictcustomers. Some of NatWest's

ing extra orders, a figure unchanged from the previous quarter. The net balance of those expecting increased employment levels is also unchanged at 13 per cent. Employment forecasts have

Group, the consultancy.

been curbed by uncertainty among smaller organisations and a rationalisation in bigger companies, the report said. The Bridsh construction industry is unlikely to see notable real growth over the next five years and continues to underperform the industrial average for return on capital, according to a survey published yesterday by The Coba

6.5 million existing customers National have said they have will be encouraged to switch no plans for make charges on from the hank's current accounts in credit. charged-for account, the £85-a-David McLean, head of

persooal banking services. said: "In all walks of life people are proving more selecsubscribers, all of whom earn tive about the services they want. Many of our customers The new service is similar in lead extremely busy lives, which this programme recog-nises by providing a menu of concept to the Barclays Additions account. For a charge of

£60 a year, Barclays custombenefits which can be accessed ers receive free overdraft, life through a telephone call so cover, and medical insurance. avoiding the need to shop Midland Bank and Abbey around.

Norfolk bids \$8.1bn for Conrail

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

ONE of America's largest takeovers this year has turned into a two-way fight as Nor-folk Southern topped the \$81.51 per share.

will create the third largest railway group in the US. Norfolk is offering \$8.1 billion in a cash bid worth \$100 per months but had been snubbed by the company. When Conrail agreed to accept the CSX bid, Norfolk decided to step in.

A combination of Norfolk and Coarail would create a powerful rail system in the South, East and Midwest with about 25,000 miles of track. 5,000 more than a CSX-ConExtra lottery spurs plea for duty cut

step up its demands for a cut in duty on gambling after yesterday's decision by Oflot. the National Lottery regulator, to allow the launch of a £4 million midweek draw.

Tom Kelly, director general of the Betting Office Licensees Association (Bola), which represents more than half of bookmakers, including big groups such as Ladbroke, said the midweek draw, likely to start next year, was "very unwel-come". He added: "The indus-try has already been badly affected by the weekly lottery." Industry profits fell by 32

per cent last year, he said, and nearly 500 bookmakers shut, taking 3,400 jobs with them. William Hill, the bookmaker, said: "We don't have a level playing field and a midweek lottery] tilts the playing field even more in their favour."

The Chancellor last year announced a 1 per cent cut in betting duty, to 5.75 per cent, in recognition that the lottery had hit the betting industry. Until yesterday, Bola had intended to seek a further L25 per ceot cut in next month's Budget, but it is now likely to seek a bigger cut, it said.

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Concern as offshore accidents increase

THE number of serious accidents and fatalities offshore has increased in the past year, highlighting the need for further improvements in safety ordered after the Piper Alpha disaster. New Health and Safety Executive figures show that North Sea accidents increased from around 150" per 100,000 oil workers in 1994-95 to 162 in the past year. Roderick Allison, chief executive of the HSE Offshore Safety Division, said the number of deaths had fallen significantly since the early 1990s, reflecting safety measures in the wake of the Piper Alpha disaster. He said:"The 1995-96 figures show an upturn. That gives us food for thought --- we are going to have to make further progress. There is further work to do."

The HSE's annual report, published yesterday, says the total number of workplace deaths was unchanged at 272 in the latest year. The fatal accident rate for the total workforce remains at 1.1 per 100,000 workers, while the fatal accident rate for the self-employed has failen substantially to 1.6 per 100,000 workers from 2.5 previously. Fatal injuries and major ones, such as amputations or severe burns, have fallen to their lowest level in five years.

Sunbeam fades to red

SUNBEAM CORP, the ailing American domestic appliance manufacturer, reported a loss for the third quarter, its first downturn since going public in 1992, and announced restructuring plans. The company lost \$28.7 million (\$15 million profit) in the three months to the end of September. Sales were down 2 per cent, at \$244.9 million. Sunbeam, which has a workforce of 12,000 and annual sales of \$1 billion, has seen its profits dwindle in recent years because of shrinking profit margins and high costs.

BA's French partner

BRITISH AIRWAYS has joined forces with Groupe Rivaud, the French bank, to bid for Air Liberté, the ailing regional airline. If the bid succeeds, BA would have a 70 per cent holing and Rivaud 30 per cent. Rivaud, headed by industrialist Vincent Bollore, had originally been part of a consortium of travel groups Nouvelles. Frontieres, Club Mediterannee and airline Royal Air Maroc Air Liberté went into administration on September 26 with debts in the region of Ffr1.5 billion.

Smiths buys Leland

SMITHS INDUSTRIES is acquiring Leland Electrosystems. an American manufacturer of in-flight power generators, for \$30 million, strengthening its position in the supply of aircraft avionics. The acquisition is the largest by Smiths in the avionics sector since 1987 and will allow the company to offer power generation equipment and its own aircraft computer systems. Leland's devices are used in more than 12,000 aircraft from the Stealth bomber to the Boeing 777. It has an order for 1,000 of the new US Air Force's F18 fighter.

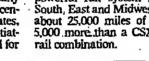
US chiefs paid most

BRITISH chief executives earn an average £319,604 a year. placing the UK tenth out of 22 countries in a worldwide pay. survey by Towers Perrin, the human resources consultancy. Those in France and Germany receive E380,903 and E321,414 respectively. US chief executives are still the best paid , with total remuneration of £566,212. The survey claims UK chief ex-ecutives, though not the highest paid, have the highest purch-asing power in Europe. However, European purchasing pow-er has fallen sharply in comparison with America since 1995.

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multibillion-dollar offer by share price has reduced its CSX for Conrail, the largest value to around \$7.2 billion, or railway company in the North East. If either bid proceeds, it Norfolk, a rail company based in Virginia and concentrated in the southern states, said that it had been negotiat-

with its own offer.



share, CSX's cash and shares offer, launched last week, was originally worth \$8.4 billion but a fall in the company's ing for a deal with Conrail for

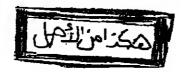
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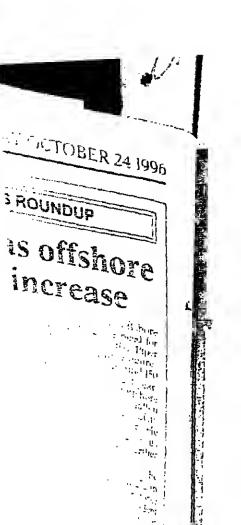
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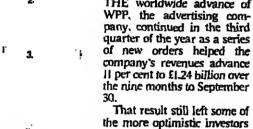




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That result still left some of the more optimistic investors

it forecast, from £155 million to E150 million. The fall in the share price wiped out prospects of an early Christmas bonus for Martin Sorrell, the chief executive of WPP. Under his share incendve scheme, he was on

THE worldwide advance of if their price had stayed above 230p for 60 trading days. Mr Sorrell, who gained 1.17 million free shares under the first tranche last month, will now not realise his second

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with a profits warning. PolyGram's message was that people are not spending as much as they used to. Music com-

panies previously tended to dis-guise such downturns by

blaming erratic deliveries from their best-sellers — X fell off his motorbike, Y's album fell victim to his drug problem and missed the financial year end. Industry figures show slight right in the

figures show slight rises in sales globally during the first half of the year, but well off the massive

increases enjoyed in 1995 and, particularly, 1994. Several lei-sure analysts in the City have been wondering whether the pre-Christmas rush, which accounts for 40 per cent of total music sales, might not be too hot.

EMI shares have been subsid-

ing since the company was demerged for Thorn two

months ago. The demerger was seen as a way of allowing EMI to be bid for, and the absence of action has discouraged specu-

lators. Any slowdown in music

sales would have a limited

impact, perversely, because as much as half EMI profits come

from publishing rights: should

you wish to use, as many have,

A CERTAIN record company

once took over the career of a struggling singer, whose records were respectfully reviewed in all the right places before selling a few thousand copies at best. The

artist was known in the trade to

be barking mad, but he had good

looks and a cult following. The label sent him around the

country on tour for a few years,

put him on the front of the pop

mags and released five or six albums, each to widespread indifference. By the time that executives lost patience, the star, by now visibly crazier, had cost

the record company, in studio time, promotion, the lot, up-

The economics of music, particularly at the pop end, make

the National Lottery seem a

sensible investment prospect. The safest tactic is an investment

trust approach, putting as many untried artists under one roof as

possible, even if the risk attach-ing to each individually might make even Peter Young blench. This is why there are five big

record conglomerates now, mak-

ing their living mainly from a

clutch of megastars apiece, from their back catalogues, and from buying up small independent

companies that are better at

PolyGram, which upset a sec-

ond. Britain's EMI, yesterday

One of those conglomerates is

spotting new talent.

wards of a million pounds.

company's revenues advance Il per cent to £1.24 billion over the nine months to September bonus until next year. Activities in America contributed most of WPP's sales growth in the third quarter. The figures were boosted by

disappointed and shares in the group fell 8p yesterday, closan increase in advertising ing at 130p. One analyst prices that was rien by the Olympic Games in Atlanta. downgraded its year-end prof-Mr Sorrell said that the effect of the centennial games had been better than expected. helping sales in North Ameri-

ca to grow 16 per cent. to £521 million, in the first nine months of the year. Analysts forecast that sales turse to pick up 1.6 million will rise further in the run-up free shares - worth more than to the US presidential election the UK.

£5 million - on December 20 in response to greater demand for television advertising

WPP rise fails to prevent

loss of Sorrell bonus

By FRASER NELSON

Sales growth in continental Europe slowed in the third quarter, where revenues were only 2.5 per cent ahead, at £77.2 million. Trading in the UK was strong, with particu-lar gains in the PR and Market Research division. Sales in Latin America were hit by difficulties in Venezuela. Brazil and Argentina.

The sharpest growth was provided by WPP's specialist communications division. whose sales jumped 11 per cent, to £94.4 million, in the third quarter. The company said this had mainly been helped by the success of its Healthcare operations, with

Overall, new billings worth £324 million were won in the quarter, bringing the nine-month total to E911 million. As the company concentrated on organic growth, its debt fell to El64 million, against £240 million last time.

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the Troggs' Wild Thing in a commercial, you pay EMI a rake-off. This might make the

company more attractive to a

predator whose profits were

based purely on recorded music.

There are any number of reasons for sluggish sales. Back catalogue has largely been re-

cycled onto compact disc, and

there are few hot properties left in the vaults. There is the rise of

computer games, CD-Roms and

other diversions. In recent years,

no world conquerors have

emerged in the Dire Straits or Michael Jackson league. It could

even have something to do with

Ideal combination

for the Chancellor

DECONOMISTS have firmly

identified a hitherto unsuspected

pattern in consumer spending.

Put prices up, and people stay out of the shops. Odd examples of this link had been rumoured as the economy has recovered

over the past couple of years.

However, yesterday's retail sales figures clinched it, and who

the quality of the product.

□ PolyGram and EMI need more heroes □ Retail sales no threat to inflation □ NatWest's not so novel idea

PENNINGTON

knows, Nobel Prizes may now

beckon. September saw the fast-

est rise in prices of clothing and

foorwear since records began in 1947: it also saw a 3 per cent decline in sales of such items.

escape the permanent sale culture that has become a feature

on the high street. August is a

sales month: people are either on

holiday or too hot to shop, and need temping. In September, the stores saw their chance. It is too

early to make firm deductions on

monthly statistics: clothing is a deferrable purchase, and it will

take a few more weeks or months

of the war of nerves between

shopper and shop assistant be-fore we can tell which has won.

In any event, prices for cloth-

Retailers had been desperate to

Mr Sorrell said that while the dollar had been strong over the period, this had left a minimal effect on its results. On an underlying basis, reve-nue growth over the nine months was 9.2 per cent. Analysis said that if WPP

could bring its debt below the ElOO million mark, and it stayed off the acquisition trail, then it seemed likely that it would deploy some of its extra liquidity share buy-back or a special dividend.

CU sales worldwide rise by 23% COMMERCIAL Union has announced that its world-

wide new business has risen by almost one quarter since the beginning of the year (Marianne Curphey writes). Internationally, new life, pensions and investment ales grew 23 per cent, to £2.2 billion, over the nine months to September 30. New annual premiums rose 31 per cent, to £193 million; new single premiums were 15 per cent higher, at £1.8 million, and sales of investment products grew from £87 million to £212 million. In the United Kingdom oew annual premiums had increased by 24 per cent. to £36 million, benefiting from higher sales of personal and company pension arrange-ments, which doubled to £18

million.

ing and footwear are still lower than they were a year ago. There was nothing to threaten the outlook on inflation in the retail sales figures, the industrial trends survey published by the

CBI on Tuesday or the retail price index numbers that were issued last week. Food sales were rising at their highest rate since January, but this is itself most likely to be a result of the trend towards lower food prices. The housing recovery may be patchy, but it is still having its impact on negative equity. There are windfalls from building societies and the Norwich Union still to come to boost spending. It looks like the ideal combination, for the Chancellor, if not for the shopkeeper, sustainable retail sales growth of approaching 4 per cent, but a lid on prices, the rise in the value of sterling keeping industry's costs low. The odds must be lengthening fast on a base rate rise ahead of the

election next spring. The chances of one after next Wednesday's meeting between the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England must be negligible -- far worse than the

Music industry hits a flat note Most day-to-day decisions are now made for customers by inexperienced staff applying set guidelines by rote. Free banking is not dead; accounts will conodds on the Conservatives winning the next election, at least on tinue to be operated for free, but the standard of service will fall. The new account with its tacky "lifestyle benefits" merely recalls the evidence from the latest opinion polls.

BUSINESS NEWS

easy access to a personal bank manager will in future be a

the last time the banks tried to

segment the market, those dreary yupple accounts with names like Vector that died the

death with the end of the 1980s.

benefit": special access to

NatWest's financial service advisers who will sell you Peps

and insurance. Such access is

already quite easy; getting rid of them may prove more difficult.

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Speech yesterday was the Build-ing Societies Bill, which would

have given societies freer access

to capital markets. The Bill is

now all but dead, and a few

societies may, as a result, choose

to convert into plcs, or be bought

by the same, so putting a few bob, potentially, into the hands

of hundreds of thousands more

people, which would do no harm

Knock-on effect

It does offer one "financial

Free banking not

dead but moribund DNATWEST has launched a super new product, an account which you put your money into every month, withdraw it as and when you need it, and which comes with the added benefit of ... a BANK MANAGER!

Many of NatWest's customers probably already think they have a bank manager thrown in with their existing accounts, provided free of charge unlike the new service, which costs £150 a year. (incidentally, if you think banking is free, try this simple

sum. Halve your regular salary cheque; this is the average amount in your account over the month, if you spend as you earn. Work out how much this is worth invested on the money markets at the 6 per cent plus the bank gets. This is the bank's take ahead of any charges). The NatWest's admission that

to the "feel-good" factor.

Outsider appointed as heir apparent at AT&T

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

AT&T, the US telecommunications company, surprised Wall Street yesterday with the appointment of John Walter as chief executive officer and heir apparent to Robert Allen as chairman.

Mr Walter, who is set to become arguably the most pow-erful figure in the world telecommunications industry, has no direct experience of working in the sector. He joins from RR Dannelley, the world's largest printing group.

The AT&T appointment was the subject of intense stock market speculation after Alex Mandl unexpectedly resigned from the job in August to run a small start-up wireless com-pany. This left Mr Allen, who is due to retire in 1998, without a successor at a time when the

He coined the word "repurposing" to describe the way printing companies can repackage and sell information in a variety of ways instead of using it just once. Mr Walter describes Donnelley as a "customer-focused marketing services company". Deregulation of the phone industry, enabling long dis-tance and local phone com-

chairman in 1989.

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panies to compete in each other's markets, generated new competition which is eating into AT&T's traditonal customer base. Last month AT&T reported a 12 per cent drop in third-quarter earnings and warned investors that future earnings were likely to be weaker. Some analysts believe that the poor performance may force Mr Allen, 61,

abling unprecedented competition in phone services.

Mr Walter is credited with converting RR Donnelley from a sleepy old-style printer into a diversfied data base company with interests in magazines and book prinning.





Allen: successor chosen

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US telecoms industry is in

10 retire early, which would software and on-line services. leave Mr Walter in sole charge turmoil, with deregulation en- He joined the company as a

soon after his arrival.



Mystery predator stalks Westpac

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

WESTPAC. the Australian bank, could be the takeover larget of a foreign bank after a surprise A\$130 million (E65 million) swoop on its prefer-

ence shares. More than 15 million Westpac shares were snapped up in a two-day buying spree at a price of A\$\$.50 each as the mystery raider amassed a 19 per cent interest in the prefer-

Lloyds TSB, HSBC Hold-ings and ABN Amro of The ence stock. Netherlands are all known to

 be interested in building a presence in the Australian banking sector. National Australia Bank has also indicated interest in bidding for a rival. The preference share swoop, which was carried out

by Bankers Trust Australia.

comes as Australia prepares

for a shake-up of its banking

sector in the wake of a govern-

ment-backed inquiry expected to relax the current restrictions on banking takeovers and mergers. Banking analysts said yes-terday that a predator would need to offer at least 2.5 times

Westpac's net tangible assets to secure the board's backing for a bid, which would value the bank at A\$18 billion, or A\$9.50 a share. Westpac shares rose eight cents to A\$6.83 in heavy trading yes-terday after a 17 cent rise the

previous day. Westpac has a 16 per cent share of the Australian banking market. National Australia Bank has 19 per cent and the Commonwealth Bank 17 per cent. Earlier this month, Advance Bank and St George, two regional banks, announced a A\$2.65 billion merger to create the country's fifth-biggest bank.

BY OLIVER AUGUST POLYGRAM yesterday raised the prospect of a protracted period of stagnation in the music industry when it announced a £60 million restructuring in response to sluggish

PolyGram unveils

£60m restructuring

market conditions (See Pennington, this page). PolyGram, whose shares order to improve earnings. Yesterday's announcement came 24 hours ahead of third-

fell by 7 per cent on the Amsterdam bourse, is to axe 400 jobs worldwide. It said that music sales were also lower than expected because of internal problems.

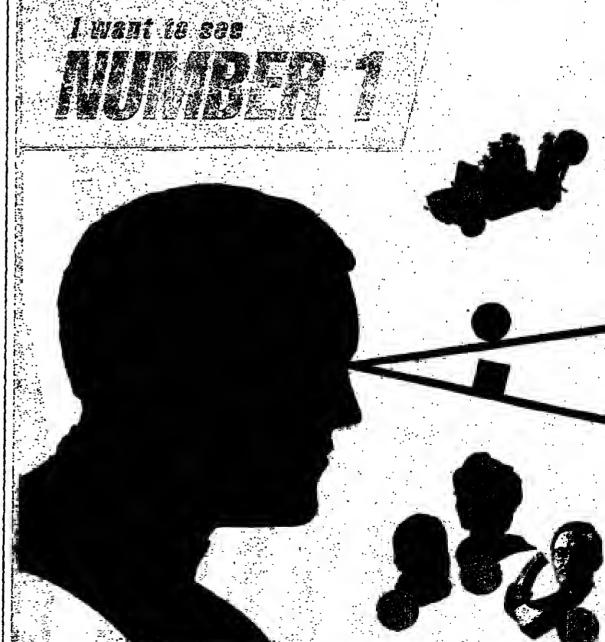
In London, EMI shares closed down 23 p, at £12.56 b, after downgrading of marketmakers' forecasts for music companies and record labels. PolyGram investors must now expect a second year of flat profit growth. In 1995 PolyGram posted a net profit of £300 million, almost unchanged from 1994. Its restructuring plan will ure of 539 million guilders.

involve the rejuvenation of Motown, the black US pop label acquired in 1993, the classical music division and distribution and marketing operations in Europe. Analysts said that the slug-

gish market conditions could mean that PolyGram needed to restructure itself further in

quarter results from Philips. PolyGram's parent company, which is also undergoing a difficult restructuring.

However, analysts said they saw no reason to change earnings forecasts for Philips. Analysts expect its third-quarter net profit from ordinary operations to drop to between 240 million guilders (187 million) and 360 million guilders, far below the equivalent 1995 fig-



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MICHAEL CLARK STOCK MARKET

BSkyB shares pull back as speculation cools

SHARES in BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster, tumbled 42¹2p to 636p after further reflection of the proposed merger between Cable and Wireless and Videotron. Nynex CableComms and Bell Cablemedia, the cable operators.

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It was also announced that a joint promotion by BSkyB with BT had been blocked by the telecoms industry regulator. Oftel said the promotion, which offered a range of savings to BSkyB customers. was outside the terms of BT's licence.

Only last week, BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times, had been scaling new heights, coming within a whisker of 700p. But intense speculation, later denied, that il planned to bid for Pearson, publisher of the Financial Times, saw the rot set in on Monday. Société Generale Strauss Turnbull, the broker. has also turned cautious, Cable and Wireless contin-

ued to build on news of this week's merger proposals, rising 4p to 471p, with several brokers speaking out in favour of the deal. Lehman Brothers, the US securities house, said C&W had pulled off a brilliant strategic coup, with its Mercury telecom division set to enjoy a new lease of life. There were also positive comments on the group from rival brokers Panmure Gordon and Kleinwort Benson. Société Generale has also switched its loyalties to C&W. The rest of the equity market gave up further ground, undermined by another sharp opening fall in New York. At one stage, the Dow Jones average was down more than 67 points.

The latest retail sales figures for September made little impact. Instead sentiment was affected by comments from the Bundesbank, indicating there



right, of Frank Usber, with model. Orders and shares rose

A profits warning from its

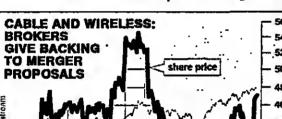
WPP, the advertising agen-

continuing to lose business. Ladbroke fell S¹2p to 199¹2p, downgradings by brokers. Ab-bey National firmed lp to 601 ap despite SBC Warburg while Bass, which owns Corcutting its profit forecast for al, ended 7'ap cheaper at the current year by E60 mil-779¹ 2p. lion to £1.16 billion. It still rates the shares a "buy". Shares of AIM-listed Chel-Dutch rival PolyGram took some of the shine off EMI Group's share price. It lost 23'2p and closed at £12,56'2p. sea Village, owner of the Premiership club, fell 4p to 8512p on learning of the death But brokers appeared unperof Matthew Harding, deputy turbed about the outlook for

South West Water rose 21p to 701p ahead of publication of the Monopolies an Mergers Commission report on whether Wessex Water or Severn Trent will be allowed to proceed with their bids. NatWest feels that they will and is urging clients to add to their holdings in South West after recent weakness.

chairman and 25 per cent EMI, They said PolyGram's shareholder. Earlier this year problems stemmed from an Harding injected £10 million uninspiring set of new reinto the club with the purchase leases. Jason Crisp, analyst at of 19 million shares. Plans Société Generale Strauss were afoot for further cash Turnbull, said he will be sticking with his current fore-cast of £430 million. injections. The introduction of a mid-

week national lottery by the cy headed by Martin Sorrell. organisers Camelot early next year provided further misery for the bookies. which are



which revealed an 11 per cent increase in revenues during the first nine months of the year. Brokers are looking for pre-tax profits of £150 million for the year.

Frank - Usher, the ball gowns group, rose Sp to 173p after an upbeat annual meeting. Christopher Norland. chairman, told shareholders that orders for sales during the second half had been strong. He reminded them that first-half profits would be, lower than last year, but expected any shortfall to be made up in the second half. Bakyrchik Gold retreated 15p to 19712p after it was revealed that a stake held by one of the funds controlled by financier George Soros had dropped below the 3 per ceot disclosure level. But the company rushed out a statement clarifying that the 1.08 million shares, or 3.48 per cent of the issued share capital, had been merely diluted by an issue of shares. The price has fallen

from a peak of 590p in May. A drop in half-year profits from £4 million to £917,000 left Ocean Wilsons 4p cheap-er at 78'ap, while Ex Lands Properties, the property de-veloper, finished '2p firmer at 12p despite turning a profit of million into a loss of £55,000. Eleco Holdings lost lp at 11'2p after doubling full-

vear losses GILT-EDGED: Tuesday's rally proved short-lived with issues giving up ground ahead of today's auction of £1.5 billion of Treasury 8 per cent 2015. Tuesday's auction uf £2. billion of Treasury 7 per cent 2001 was 3.57 times oversubscribed. Prices had opened firmer, supported by a weaker than expected rise in September's retail sales. The com-ments from the Bundesbank saw those early gains whittled away. Brokers now expect the next few auctions to originate from among the shorter and

MAJOR INDICES New York (midday): Dow Jones ... S&P Composite . _____701.14 t-5.43 Tokyo: Nikkei Average Hong Kong: 12492.37 (+47.71) Hang Seng ... 583.57 (-9.54) Amsterdam: Sydney: 2340.7 1-6.9 Frankfurt 2699.53 (-19.45) DAX Singapore 2046.45 (-7.61 Brusseis: 9964.27 (-49.23) General

Paris 2148.86 (-20.75 CAC-40 Zurich: 779,90 (-4.83) SKA Gen London: FT 100 _____ FT 100 _____ FTSE Mid 250 2831.3 (-25.5 4038.4 (-28.8)

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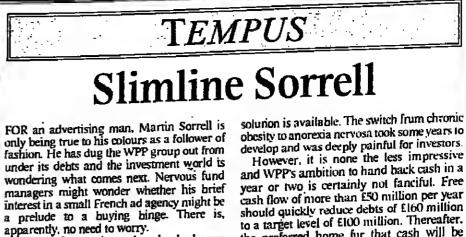
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pact. Instead sentiment was affected by comments from the Bundesbank, indicating there was unlikely to be any further cuts in German interest rates. The FT-SE 100 index, down almost 40 points at one stage eventually closed 23.9 points lower at 4.025.4. Trading con- ditions remained thin with fewer than 700 million shares changing hands. ICI lost 6p at 77512p ahead of third-quarter figures today expected to show a hefty drop in pre-tax profits. Standard Chartered, the international banking group, dropped a further 8p to 64612p, reflecting recent profit	next few auctions to originate from among the shorter and medium dated issues. In futures the December series of the long gilt was nine ticks down on the day at f109 ²⁵ 32. Among longer-dated issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2021 fell three ticks to £101 ⁵ 16, while in shorts Treasury 7 ¹⁴ per cent 1998 dropped a fick to £101 ⁵ 16. Cl NEW YORK: Political worries and an over-extended down on Wall Street and by midday the Dow Jones indus	take a tumble and unsold shrink from just er cent to about 15 money is being in the flotation to isiness. Limelight tious expansion company states nearly double its over the next four y some reckoning be possible out of t is not unreason- ture capitalists to near to.	
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The chief executive, who clearly knows which way the wind is blowing, is making it very clear that WPP is on track for a substantial reduction in debt. Thereafter, serious consideration will be made to share buybacks and special dividends. WPP has substantial foreign earnings so there is a potential ACT problem with a large distribution. But this week's special foreign income dividend from Reckitt & Colman suggests a

Aluminium

ALUMINIUM - could be about to break out of a twoyear bear market. Yesterday there was evidence of buying from funds expecting a fall in metal stocks. Cash prices rose from \$1.330 to \$1.372 per tonne but forward prices tell a more exciting tale. Aluminium for three month's delivery is now above \$1,400 and, a further year out, the mar-

ket is quoting \$1,500. Surplus aluminium Surplus aluminium stocks. and the hangover from a surge of Russian exports, sent aluminium into a tailspin. According to estimates by Anthony Bird Asso-ciates, the current price is barely above production costs, which average \$1,253 per tonne worldwide. Moreover, it hardly justifies building new smelters: including the cost of servicing capital. new plant requires a thresh-

Limelight

WHERE smaller companies are concerned, the reasons for seeking a listing are almost as much a concern to investors as the profit record. Limelight is floating in order to let the founder and core investors realise part or all of their investment; ADT will unload its entire 16.4 per cent interest: Schroder Venture Advisers will reduce its stake from 27 per cent to 10 per cent: and founder Stephen Boler will shrink from just

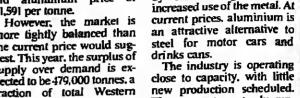
develop and was deeply painful for investors. However, it is none the less impressive and WPP's ambition to hand back cash in a year or two is certainly not fanciful. Free cash flow of more than £50 million per year should quickly reduce debts of £160 million to a target level of £100 million. Thereafter. the preferred home fur that cash will be investors pockets rather than the funding of huge deals. In the circumstances, the share price fall

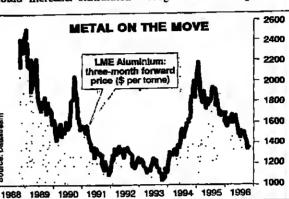
yesterday looks mean-minded. Advertising revenue growth did slow in the third quarter but in a period of luw inflation S per cent growth overall is impressive in any industry. Add to that the prospect of higher margins and the slimline WPP looks a buy.

by economic growth and

old aluminium price of \$1,591 per tonne.

more tightly balanced than the current price would sug-gest. This year, the surplus of supply over demand is expected to be 479,000 tonnes. a fraction of total Western That suggests a steady rundemand of 17.3 million down in slocks and a price tonnes. The latter figure surge is in the offing. should increase, stimulated





seek a return but when so much of the company is

unusual beast and would be very vulnerable to any downturn in consumer demand. Vertical integration of the stock chain would give the company little room for manoeuvre, should the market take a tumble and unsold fulure.

being sold, new investors selling scandal. must wonder how much growth is left in the company. As a combined manufacturer and retailer, Limelight is an

that followed the horror stories was just a blip. They may well be right: even those who are still sceptical about personal pension salesmen need to make provision for their retirement, and there is a whole generation of thirtysomething baby-boomers who want to save for the

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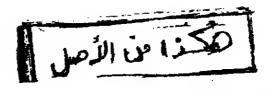
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YOU HAVE waited in line, caten your fill of Stallone-flavoured nachos. and now is your chance to sign up for a Planet Hollywood Visa credit card. Robert Earl, the multimilliooaire, is offering celebrity groupies the chance to sweep past the patient crowds that queue outside his restaurant chain with one flash of their PH credit card. Every purchase with a PH credit card gives entry to a sweepstake to attend one of the many PH openings around the world.

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An autographed T-shirt, priority seating and money off PH merchandise are among the other perks oo offer, not to mention the status factor.

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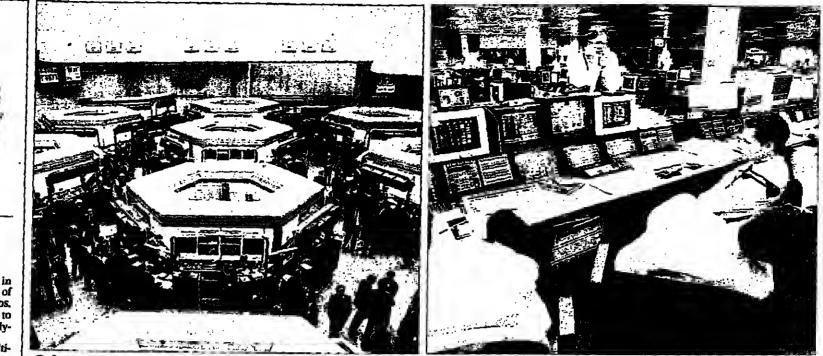
City's Big Bang

Sell-by dates

mon a chance to reflect on PITY THE strapped-forwhat the electronic trading cash building societies committed to mutuality. system has actually achieved. Big Bang was born out of a series of events that go back to a decade earlier and, as is so This time it's the turn of the Portman where its savers are being asked to often the case, it was the threat make a donation for the of lengthy litigation that acted society's calendar in a bid as the catalyst. to raise money for the In 1976, the Restrictive Cancer Research Cam-Trade Practices Act was expaign. Until oow, tended to cover service indus-Portman's calendars have tries with the result that the been distributed free and Stock Exchange was obliged to register its rule book with the such was the demand that heated arguments would Office of Fair Trading (OFT). frequently break out in branches. Let's see if the Two years later, the Government decided to take the demand keeps up. exchange to the special Restrictive Practices court.

Southern comfort

rules contained restrictions on REDUNDANCY can trade in three main areas, inhave positive family benecluding the operation of a scale fits, especially if you live in of minimum commissions in the South, according to a survey by DBM, the 1976 and restrictions on membership to what was the City's outplacement consultancy. most exclusive club. If it had It explains, somewhat simgone to court the case might plistically, that people in have been the longest civil action in British legal history. In the event, Sir Nicholas the South commute further to work and therefore have longer working days



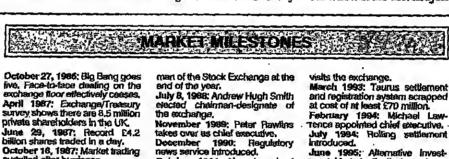
Before and after Big Bang: a key driving force behind the change was London's position in the then emerging electronic global trading market

Big Bang: the market revolution yet to come

Ten years on, Robert Miller detects signs that the London Stock Exchange has woken up



Sir Nicholas Goodison reached an agreement Gavin Casey wants a new order-driven system



with factional in-fighting. The powerful players wanted everything their own way and were prepared to fight for their own vested interests rather than those of the market as a whole. This led to changes at the top of the exchange and a relatively rapid turnover of chief executives. The last such change was the sudden sacking in January this year of Michael Lawrence after less

than two years in office. Mr Lawrence told the Commons Treasury Select Committee in February he believed he was sacked because of opposition by the City's leading market-making houses to his proposed introduction of an electronic order-matching system of share trading. The exchange denied that was the case and said he was dismissed because he had lost the confidence of the board.

The Lawrence affair was preceeded by an equally con-troversial battle over Tradepoint. In 1995 Tradepoint announced that it was to introduce an electronic order-driven market in which brokers, market-makers and institutions could participate equally and anonomously.

licence as a recognised invest-

ment exchange, was set for

September 21. But in a fit of

pique and after behind-the-

scenes lobbying failed the

exchange did not alter the

rules in time although

Tradepoint did start on the

due date. The exchange was

There are now, however,

signs that the exchange has

woken up to the 1990s and may

not wanting The start-up date for to be too spe radepoint, which received a

ANALYSIS $29 \frac{1}{2}$

Speech's silence gives societies impetus along conversion path

The financial services sector is facing a spell of further upheaval, say Sara **McConnell and Marianne Curphey**

y this time next

year the country

may have at least

four more banks.

the Halifax. Woolwich, Alli-

ance & Leicester and North-

ern Rock. The failure of the

Building Societies Bill to make it into the Queen's

Speech could well push more

societies the same way. The

Bill would have freed societies from nuch of the red tape still constraining their busi-ness activities and would

arguably have been an in-

centive to stay mutual. Today, the Halifax takes a

step further towards bank

status with a Stock Ex-

change announcement sen-

ing out further details of its

conversion timetable and share dealing arrangements. But societies are realising

that conversion is not an

easy path, though the event-

ual rewards, particularly for

Halifax members are in-

creasingly impatient with

the long wait for conversion

and bonus payouts. It is 18

months since the society took

over the Leeds Permanent as

a first stage in the conversion

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because it led the market to expect an announcement within months. Other banks understood to be interested include the Royal Bank of Scotland and NatWest.

The Woolwich could have weakened its defences against a prospective takeover, after the resignation of Peter Rohinson, chief executive, in inauspicious circumstances at the start of the year, Mr Thomas suggests. The Alliance & Leicester, however, is lying so low that it will give no information beyond saying members will

be contacted next month. The Northern Rock, the self-confessed surprise converter of the year, would be a more straightforward takeover. Its transfer document will be out next spring with conversion planned towards the end of the year.

The problem with any attempted hostile takeover. however, would be that the only way a predator can technically contact members is through the board, which alone is able to put any proposal to a vote of the membership. Going public directly to members through the press immediately raises the stakes and the cost, a

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The society fiercely denies move which would not be reports that the conversion well received by the City. may not go ahead. It also Further upheaval is exdenied analysts' suggestions pected in the insurance in-

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than their northern counterparts, concluding that "redundancy allows southern executives to see more of their family than when they were working".





'I think it means two draws per week'

Road aside LOFTUS ROAD, the own-

ers of QPR Football Club and Wasps rugby union team, appears to have scored a bit of an own goal with the prospectus for its £28.8 million AIM flotation. In its haste to beat the whistle, Charles Levison, the acting chief executive. was wrongly quoted as a non-executive director. Peel Hunt, the stockbrokers sponsoring the float. said Mr Levison's elevation to an executive role came too late to be included in the prospectus distributed on Tuesday. Loftus Road had hoped to appoint a full-time chief executive in time for the float. Meanwhile. Levison. deputy chairman of Chrysalis, is being paid £100,000 for his advice on the Loftus Road float.

Software soap

CITY insomniacs will be glued to their TV screens next month when the first business soap opera goes on air. The pre-breakfast serial, called 20 Steps to Better Management -The Drama. centres around office politics at Redware, a fast-growing software company recently taken over by Softex, a multinational. It comes as no surprise to hear that the producer. Marc Wright, was at one time busily engaged in writing speeches for Sir Rocco Forte.

MORAG PRESTON

exchange floor effectively cases, April 1987: Exchange/Traasury survey shows there are 8.5 million private shareholders in the UK. June 29, 1987: Record E4.2 billion shares traded in a day. October 16, 1987: Market trading curtailed after hurricane. October 19, 1987: Black Monday then exchange chairman, and Cecil, now Lord, Parkinson, who was Secretary of State for Trade and In-October 19, 1987; Black Monday. FT-SE 100 Index fails 249 points. March 1988; Sir Nicholas Goodison announces his inten-tion to stand down as the chairdustry, reached an out-of-court agreement in 1983 and the exchange undertook to abolish the system of minimum commissions by the end of 1986.

As a follow-on, members became free to charge their millions of pounds spent on clients commission on a negocomputer systems in preparatiable basis rather than the old tion for the electronic revolufixed commission practice, ention that Big Bang heralded. abling institutions and private Much of it was completely useless. And nowhere was investors to be courted on the basis of charges and the money spent on technology to such poor effect over the next But an even more important few years than by the exdriving force behind Big Bang change itself.

was London's position the It was not until March 1993 then emerging electronic globthat even the exchange abanal trading market. There were doned successive computer those who feared that without projects and scrapped the illa more free and open market fated Taurus electronic settle-London would lose out to Paris ment of shares and registraand Frankfurt. The other dras-

October 1991; New board of directors replaces the old-style member firm council. March 1992: Ending of individual membership. November 1992: Boris Yettsin tion system, at a cost of at least E70 million. The true cost from 1985/86 to 1993 was probaby well over £100 million. The new world of Big Bang was also supposed to herald a new era of low-cost dealing services for private investors

newly attracted to equity investment by privatisation is-sues such as British Gas and BT. That did happen, but only after a long struggle by firms such as ShareLink and Barclays Stockbrokers. Big Bang may have been slow

oc rule change was the ending Famous names from the past of the separation of member firms into brokers and jobbers. Under the new system,

all firms became broker/dealers able to act as THE famous families that were synonymous with the old-fashioned world of City agency brokers representing stockbroking largely disap-peared at the time of Big Bang. Some firms were swallowed clients in the market, or principais. buying and selling In October 1986 London was up immediately while others survived, on the letterhead at suddenly the place to be if you least, for a while longer. In were in the serious money business. The American and many cases, the old partners sold out their family firms for French investment houses were piling into London buy-ing up old-established stockhuge sums to the large UK banks and overseas investbroking firms regardless of often irreconcilable cultural ment houses from the US and France. Later the Swiss and Germans (Morgan Grenfell differences. Even more alarming, however, were the tens of and Kleinwort Benson) moved

in while the Japanese started from scratch. Those that have all but disappeared include Wood Mackenzie, now NatWest

Markets, and Rowe & Pitman, which has ended up with Swiss Bank Corp. now known as SBC Warburg. Smith New Court has ended up as Merrill Lynch and a former SNC director, Gavin

Casey, became chief executive of the exchange this summer. Perhaps the most famous grouping of names is now known as BZW, which com-

Star searching

From Mr David Levagei

Sir. Both Pennington and

letters page correspondents

(October I) appear not to have heard of the First Law of

Thermodynamics or its conse-

quences. Energy can only be

obtained from something

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July 1994; Rolling settlement Introduced. June 1995; Alternative Invest-ment Market effectively replaces USM.

January 1996; Michael Lawrence clismissed as this and the clismissed as chief executive, August 1996; Gavin Casey takes over as chief executive.

off the mark, but by the next then forced to rush through year market forces had taken the changes retrospectively. over and the stock market was being driven ever higher. It all came to grief in October 1987 when the stock market crashed and dealing was suspended. At this point the backoffice settlement systems broke down, in many cases overwhelmed by paperwork. The authorities were forced to act and stockbroking firms were allowed shorter trading days to sort out the mess.

At that point and up to the Lawrence dismissal it was open talk in the City that the time had come for the Stock Exchange to be replaced. Its ability to detect and prosecute insider dealers and other general market abuses was limited and many of the smaller market participants became increasingly angry at what they believed was a cosy old boys' network operating a cartel at their expense.

The exchange was also riven

after all survive to oversee Big Bang Mark 2. This summer bines the de Zoets of de Zoet & Gavin Casey, the new chief Bevan and the Durlachers of executive, unveiled plans for a Wedd Durlacher. new order-driven share trading system and a strategy to attract

Wedd Durlacher was founded in 1908. In those days more foreign companies to list the firm not only dealt in in London. The insider dealing unit has rubber shares and plantations but the physical cargo as well. a new articifical intelligence monitoring system and the When the First World War ended it had a cargo of what Alternative Investment Maruntil then had been precious ket has proved successful in rubber in the Suez Canal en helping smaller companies to route to Britain. When the steamship docked at Port raise muchneeded capital. Said the captain was instructed: "Burn the rubber and keep

the coke."

Big Bang did not in the end herald the revolution that many predicted. That will come in the next ten years.

about dates. The society will tell the sector believes that the wave Exchange that it will publish of consolidation is over. its transfer document in Banks and building societies January. The special general have been steadily encroachmeeting at which members ing on each other's territory, and both are keen to build must vote will be in late February. Members will be conup their presence in the tacted next month to be told lucrative arena of asset management. While all insurance comhow much they had in their

accounts in November 1994. the first of the two qualifying panies, whatever their size, dates. The second will be the have been forced to consider date of the special meeting. whether mergers or take-What will be missing from overs would be in the interthe announcement, however, est of their shareholders and is any information on the policyholders, a handful of size of bonuses. This will be names keep being ripped as announced early next year. the ones to watch.

If the conversion goes ahead, the Halifax will be a al, rumoured to have been bank worth an estimated £9 stalked by NatWest, and Friends Provident, the life billion. The society's size makes the prospect of a takeover bid in the run-up to alone while equity markets conversion less likely.

are good but will be forced to The other three prospeclook for a parent if times tive banks could also be become hard. takeover targets when they publish their transfer docu-Another is Guardian Royal Exchange, regarded as the ments early next year. The weak man of the composite Prudential, Britain's largest sector. Insurance brokers opposite.

would like to absorb its insurer, is understood to be looking closely at the possigeneral insurance business bility of taking over a buildand sell its life company. ing society. Rob Thomas, while life companies would building society analyst at UBS, says: "The Pru would probably wish to do the Other companies looking to expand are BAT Financial Services, the National Australia Bank, which would like to make an acquisition in the UK, and a number of German banks, which have been watching the UK mar-

be a good fit. The management seem to have come to the conclusion that a branch network is necessary." However, the Prudential is known to regret its earlier frankness about its ambitions to buy a building society "with 400 branches". ket with interest.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Investment and a prayer necessary

From Mr Jonathan Ward Sir, Anatole Kaletsky (October 11) has drawn an excellent chart of the sea and the "rocks" ahead, but it might be worthwhile to recall the West German experience of 1965-1990 when the mark appreci-ated from DMI1.50 to DM3 to the pound without the diminution of exports. In the same

period British exporters faced high domestic inflation, high interest rates and overrated sterling. Thus, the decline of UK world trade share.

West German exporters had to overcome the loss of competitiveness from the appreciating mark; their answer was consistent capital investment which resulted in lower unit costs, improved quality and productivity. Let us hope with the continuing expectations (Managing Director), for a prodently managed econ-Miller Freeman plc, 30 Calderwood Street, SE18. omy that British manufactur-

ing will follow the German example, in which case only an occasional prayer may be needed. Yours faithfully. JONATHAN WARD, c/o The Annabelle Hotel. Paphos, Cyprus.

In line with contracts

From Mr Denis Conlon Sir. The report in The Times (October 21) that four directors had left Miller Freeman plc without being offered compensation is incorrect.

Each of the directors has been offered compensation in line with his contractual entitlements. Yours sincerely, DENIS CONLON

free. I suspect their disgruntlement arises from a failure to receive three-star service for a one-star maintenance fee. As a three-star client, on the odd occasion that I have needed service from British Gas, the response has been immediate and an engineer has arrived within 20 minutes or so. Admittedly, my home is

very easily accessed, unlike the Yorkshire village which 1 had to visit last week. Yours faithfully. DAVID LEVAGGI. 4 Grosvenor Street, Bury. Greater Manchester.

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30 BUSINESS NEWS

American healthfood chain sets up in UK

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

GENERAL Nutrition Centres. a US healthfood chain, opens its first British store today and plans to have a further 15 stores here by the end of February.

Its first shop is in Bristol. Tt will then open in Oxford at the end of this month, followed by Gloucester and Bath. Other stores will then open in the Midlands and the South West.

The company plans to invest EII million on rental and shop fitting next year. The stores will sell vitamins. healthfoods and herbal remedies and will compete with Holland & Barrett, which is owned by Lloyds Chemists. Holland & Barrett is

expected to come up for sale if Lloyds is taken over by UniChem, which has made a bid, or Gehe, of Germany, which is expected to bid soon.

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The American company has 2,651 stores in 16 countries. It is using the Health & Diet Group, a British firm acquired last year, to launch in the UK. In the long run. it hopes to open up 10 400 stores here.

Greg Horn, senior vicepresident of sales and marketing of the Pittsburgbased General Nutrition Companies, which trades as General Nutrition Centres, said he saw great potential in the UK market.

Management blamed for increase in receiverships

BY NOEL FUNG

A sectoral breakdown re-

nesses (14 per cent). Mr Wheeler said companies

should capitalise on the

Among all the regions re-

DESPITE a slight increase in three months can be attributed the number of receiverships in to any fundamental weaknessthe third quarter, strong evies in the economy," Mr dence pointed to renewed con-Wheeler said. sumer confidence in the econ-The total number of receivomy, a KPMG report said. erships in 1995 reached 1,781.

Between July and Septem-ber, KPMG recorded 347 re-So far this year, only 1.125 have been recorded. In the ceiverships, up by 13, or 3.9 third quarter, all regions except the South East and South per cent, compared with last quarter's 334, which was the Wales experienced increases. lowest figure in five years. Receivership numbers in the second quarter fell 24 per cent A year-on-year comparison shows that corporate failures fell in all regions except the compared with the first quar-Midlands and the North East. ter and 26 per cent on a yearvealed that manufacturers acon-year basis. counted for the bulk of receiverships (27 per cent), followed by retailers (15 per cent), and construction busi-

KPMG dispelled fear that the slight rebound marked the start of an upward trend. The year-on-year figure was down 16.6 per cent as there were 416 receiverships in the same period last year.

"Compared with the early favourable operating environ-ment "if they are to survive 1990s we are now seeing a very much lower number of receivand grow" erships," said Mike Wheeler, KPMG's head of corporate cording a rise in the number of recovery. The failures were receiverships, the North East not casualties of economic recession, said KPMG. Inand Scotland showed the largest percentage increases, 42.5 stead, they were results of per cent and 46 per cent respecpoor management, inadetively. Yet, in actual terms, the increase was only from 40 to 57 in the North East and from 15 quate funding and resources. and an inability to adapt to market changes.

"I do not believe that the fairly small companies," increases seen over the past KPMG spokesman said.



Premier Oil pressed to raise Discovery bid

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

PREMIER OIL, the UK oil and gas company, is under pressure to increase its A\$92 million takeover bid for Australia's Discovery Petroleum after Oil Search, a company with interests in Papua New Guinea, raised the prospect of making a rival offer. Oil Search acquired its in-

to 22 in Scotland. "They are terest at 75 cents a share four days after Premier tabled a 70 cents-a-share offer for Discov-

ery. Its board rejected the offer, which then represented a 23 per cent premium to the market price, as "inadequate". Premier Oil is buying for \$33 million the outstanding shares of Idemitsu Pakistan Oil Exploration Company, whose sole asset is a 15.79 per cent interest in the Kadanwari gasfield, whose output is used for generation in power

founder and executive chain-man of Sound & Vision, the retailer of Bang & Oluísen audio, video and television equipment, is proposing to raise £960,000 through a share offer. The company's shares are being offered at 75p each, valuing the company at about £3.3 million. Dealings oo the Ofex market are expected to begin on December 6. The company bas three show-room's in London's West End. Cheltenham and Reading and intends to establish a chain of 23 showrooms in the United Kingdom by the end of 1998, with a further ten outlets added by the turn of the century.

Volkswagen figures accelerate Volkswagen, Europe's largest car manufacturer, reported a 56 per cent rise in pre-tax profits over the first nine

months of the year and said that it was heading for higher full-year earnings and sales. Pre-tax profits rose to DMI-4S billion, from DM948 million. Group sales were 14.2 per cent higher, at a record DM74.49 billion.

The company said that its net profits rose to DM465 million, from DM185 million. Volkswagen said that car production rose by 8.7 per cent. to 2.74 million units. while worldwide deliveries to sustomers rose by 12.6 per

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Irish Permanent in £10m deal for CHL

IRISH PERMANENT, the biggest mortgage lender in the Republic of Ireland, has extended its British operations by acquiring Capital Home Loans. (CHL), the London-based subsidiary of Credit Foncier, the French bank. The Irish company paid £10.1 million for the net assets of CHL plus a premium of 1.25 per cent or E2.5 million for its mortgage portfolio of £200 million, giving a total of £12.6 million. Capital Home Loans is a first mortgage lender and markets its products through a network of intermediaries in England and Wales.

Roy Douglas, Irish Permanent's chief executive, said the company plans to amalgamate CHL with its existing, small branch network in London. Irish Permanent's current mortgage portfolio in Britain stands at around £75 million. "The combination of Irish Permanent's product development expertise together with CHL's experience in the UK broker market and its distribution capabilities will position Irish Permanent to capitalise on the improving UK mortgage market." he said.

Ocean Wilsons declines

OCEAN WILSONS HOLDINGS, the shipping and port services company registered in Bermuda, suffered a decline in pre-tax profits to £917,000 from £4 million in the six months to June 30. The interim dividend is held at lp a share, payable from earnings that fell to 1.73p a share from 6.14p. The shares fell 6p to 76'2p yesterday. The fall in profits reflected difficult trading conditions in Brazil, where most of the company's assets are held. Turnover was almost unchanged at E38.4 million (E38.7 million) but operating profits fell to £969,000 from £3.6 million.

Ross Group plan pays

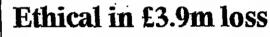
ROSS GROUP, the diversified industrial group, said it was reaping significant benefits from a restructuring initiated in April 1995. Yesterday the company reported an initiated in April 1995. resteriday the company reported and operating profit of £454,000 from continuing businesses for the half year to June 30. up from £209,000 previously. Borrowings were reduced to £7.8 million from £12.6 million and the interest charge fell to £432,000 from £720,000. At the pre-tax level losses were reduced to £292,000 from £2.4 million. The loss per share was 0.25p 0.720 loss. (1.72p loss). There is again no interim dividend.

Oil earnings lift DuPont

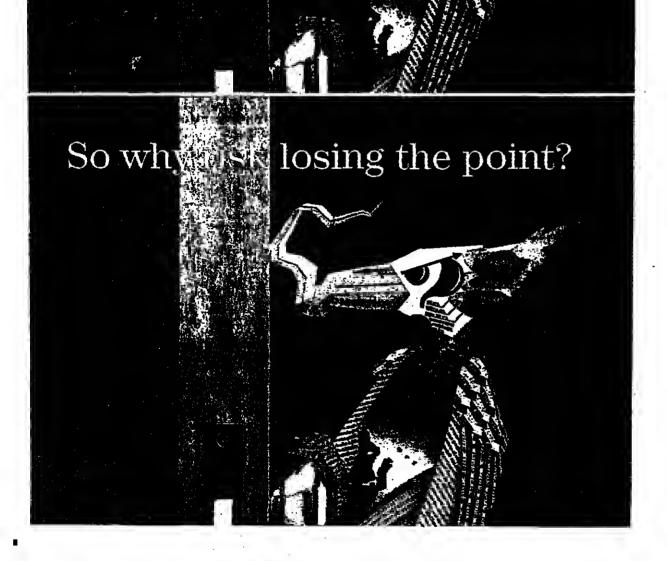
DUPONT CO, America's biggest chemical company, enjoyed a 17 per cent rise in third-quarter earnings. to \$898 million from \$769 million, on the strength of its oil business and solid sales of some chemicals. Earnings at DuPont's Conoco oil subsidiary were especially strong, boosted by higher crude oil prices and increased production. Operating profits rose 47 per cent to the highest level since the first quarter of 1991, the company said. Oil prices averaged \$19.85 a barrel in the quarter, up 25 per cent. Domestic natural gas prices rose 45 per cent.

Mondas heads for AIM

MONDAS, the computer software company, is set to join the Alternative Investment Market, capitalised at £4.52 million. The company was formed in 1991 by Tim Simoo, formerly head of Quotient. Mondas is raising £909,000, through a placing of 2 million shares at 75p each, to expand its sales and marketing capacity, fund capital expenditure requirements and to provide additional working capital. The company specialises in business management soft-ware under the Radica banner, which is used to assist firms? administrative routines or customer services. firms' administrative routines or customer services.







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cent, to 2.99 million units.

Plunge in Volvo operating profit

Volvo, the Swedish vehicle manufacturer, suffered a sharp fall in operating profits in the first nine months of this year. Operating profits pluoged to SKr2.32 billion (£221 million), from SKr8.84 billion, after a 12 per cent fall

in sales, to SKr113.6 billion. Volvo incurred heavy losses in the truck market in North America and said that it faced intense price competition in other markets. The company also said that it had absorbed high development costs.

The car division's operating income fell to SKr573 million, from SKrl.93 billion, with sales down to SKr59.83 billion, from SKr63.15 billion. At pre-tax level, group profits rose by 12 per cent, to SKr12.03 billion, aided by a SKr7.8 billion gain from the sale of Volvo's holding in Pharmacia-Upjohn, the phar-maceutical group.

Ex-Lands buys retail site

Ex-Lands Properties is buy-ing a retail, leisure and office development at Hanley. Staffordshire, for £3.95 million in cash and shares. The vendor is Buxstat, a private company controlled by Mar-tin Myers, deputy chairman of Imry Holdings. The shares issued to Buxstat represent 6.4 per cent of Ex-Land's share capital.

Ex-Land, which demerged Clubhaus, its leisure business, earlier this year, yesterday reported a £55,000 pre-tax loss for the year to June 30, after provisions of £3.1 million, against profits of £1 million previously. The dividend for the year is held at 0.5p.

Italy set to cut discount rate

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The Bank of Italy will today cut the official discount rate to 7.5 per cent, from 8.25 per cent. The last change to the rate was on July 23, when it was cut by 75 basis points. The move is sure to be welcomed by the centre-left Government of Romano Prodi, which is keen to see official rates fall to help to cut interest repayments on Italy's huge debt mountain.

ETHICAL HOLDINGS, the UK pharmaceutical development company whose shares trade on the Nasdaq market in the United States, increased its expenditure on research and development by 32 per cent, to £10.4 million, in the year to August 31. The company, which specialises in drug-delivery systems such as controlled-release tablets and transdermal patches, incurred an operating loss of £3.9 million after an exceptional charge of £7.9 million for the repurchase of product rights. In the preceding year the company had carned profits of £3.9 million.





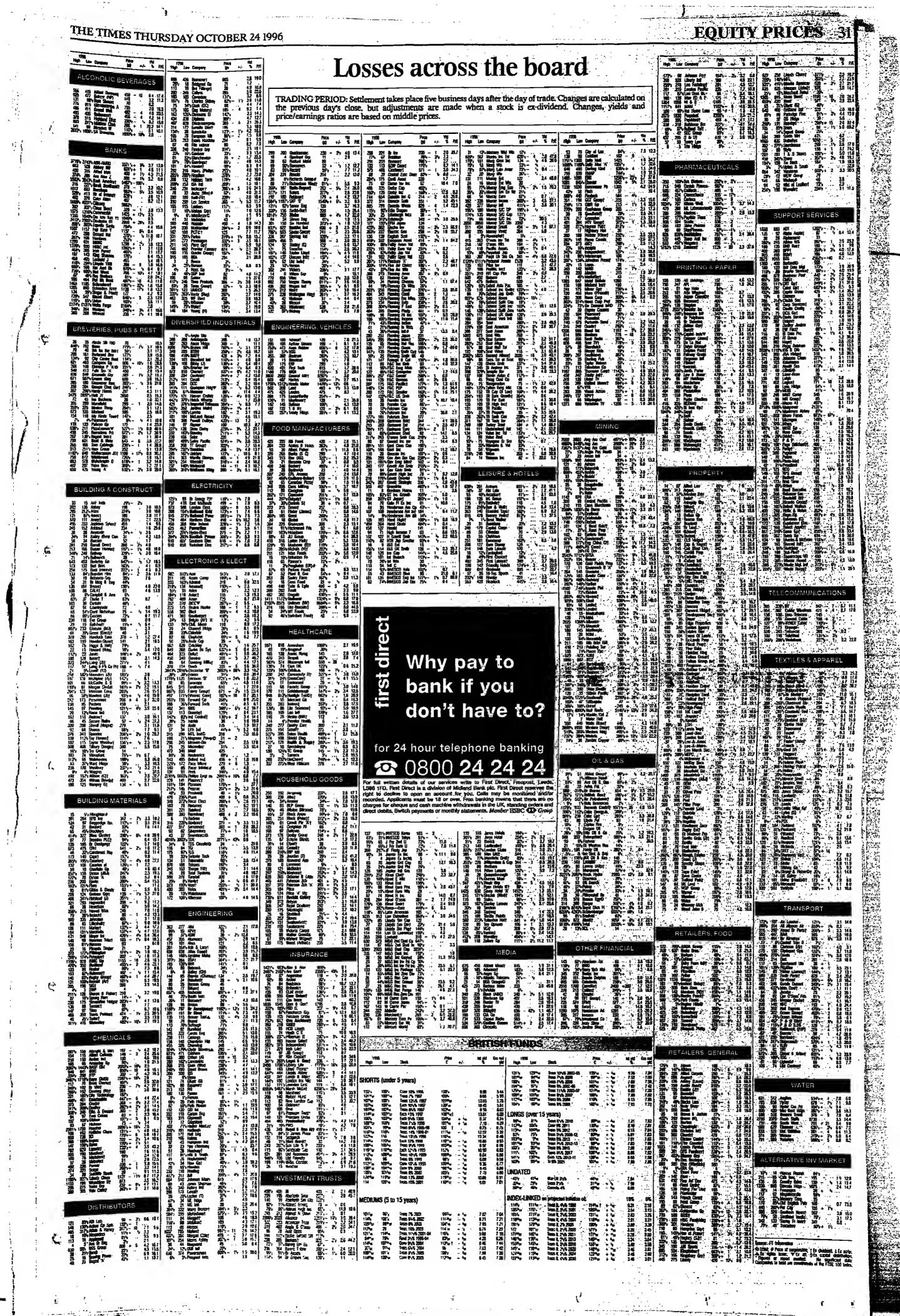
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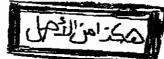
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Philip Randall and Isobel Sharp on the corporate reporting paperchase

Lessons from the changes so far

ever in the field of corporate reporting have the actions of a few caused so much paper. At least, that is how some historians may see corporate reporting developments in 1991 to 1996.

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Now, based on the results of a recent Arthur Andersen survey, the annual reports of our FT-SE 100 companies are regularly exceeding 100 pages, to meet all the disclosure requirements and best practice recommendations. And, on the basis of what goes up must come down, there are a number of ideas in circulation to reduce the burden. But perhaps we should take stock of what the past five years should have taught us about managing change in the existing reporting regime. We believe that there are three big lessons.

The first point has been the number of groups setting the rules. There is the DTI, the Stock Exchange, the Accounting Standards Board and its Urgent Issues Task Force, the Auditing Practices Board, the accountancy bodies, the Cadbury Commit-tee, the Greenbury Study Group, ABI, various combinations of the aforementioned and we apologise to those we omitted. Keeping track of these has not been easy and sometimes the debates among the various groups, each perhaps working to a different agenda, have appeared more important than the issues. , the change waited till the next year?

Surely the time is right, while we are A third point is the need for experimentation before bringing in in a period of relative calm, to ensure that the structures for divining new rules. We know that some rulechange are clearly in place to deal with the next round. The second lesson is that we

While those companies with March

year-ends will have made changes in their last annual reports, those with

December year-ends have something

to look forward to. Stock Exchange

rules on directors' remuneration best practices have various effective dates

and more rules on the disclosure of directors' pension entitlements are

expected soon. These, together with

possible changes in the format of

cash flow statements when the ASB issues shortly its revised FRS1, illus-

trate the present complexity. Would

so much be lost if all rule-setters

setters, including the ASB, are already very good at testing thoroughly their ideas before launching them on an unsuspecting public. For others, the pressure for change has meant should be more organised in determining implementation dates. Even in the calmer 1996-97 reporting undue haste and some repenting. For example, disclosures about directors season, there are numerous dates to remember. FRSS, the accounting now regularly take up four or more standard on related party disclopages in the annual report and have sures, will be in force for the first at times become over-zealous. time. DTI regulations on stating In such cases, the pressure probpayment policies for creditors in the lem might also have been compounddirectors' report came in for periods ed by a lack of will or resource to see a ending on or after February 2, 1996.

project through to a worthwhile conclusion. For example, can we seriously say the seven short pages of guidance to directors on reporting on internal financial control, while popular, is a model of standard setting? Yes, we want to avoid excessive detail generated merely to quieten the pedants. But what we should have is adequately resourced standard-setters who work within a reasonable timeframe. Let's be clear. The changes in corporate reporting over the past five years have been for the good. But let us learn the lesson and do even better. Philip Randall is Managing Partner, UK

agreed to one implementatioo date a year, say December 31, and then Audit and Business Advisory at Arthur planned their workloads either to Andersen_ Isobel Sharp is a partner in the ensure that deadline was met, or that Arthur Andersen Professional Standards



Isobel Sharp and Philip Randall cite lessons to be learnt

Remember at school how you had one friend who would always listen?

ROBERT BRUCE Five and one breed sixes and sevens

When I wrote last large" the accountancy bodies were united over their new proposals for an independent review board to oversee the profession I did so before the fateful press conference at which they unveiled them. It was by far the most enjoyable press conference that most of us had attended in years. But for those who were attempting to maintain a united front on the platform it was

purgatory. Everyone knew that CIMA, the management accounting body, had misgivings about one area of the proposals. The reason that the press conference unravelled was that no one bad understood properly the vehemence with which CIMA's views were held.

It all started quietly enough. Chris Swinson, chairman of the working party, announced that the representatives of the six main UK accounting bodies were there to talk through the proposals. He pointed out that there was a difference of opinion about where the responsibility for the Auditing Practices Board (APB) should lie in

the final structure. This is an important point. But no one had seen it as an essential one. The APB, which operates very

much as the Accounting Standards Board (ASB) does in creating regula-tions, principles and policies has sat awkwardly within the English ICA.

It has loog been accepted that it should be indepen-

where the problems started. Lyle had not been on the working party and until that morning had never met the other members with whom he was sharing the platform. None of the CIMA members of the working party was available, it seems. But in his speaking notes from CIMA Lyle talked of wanting to be constructive in spite of the fact that CIMA's position was unchanged. All should have been well. But it was immediate-

ly clear that it was not. The body language told as much. Instead of addressing his comments to his fellow accountants, or to the press, Lyle made most of his remarks to a point about two thirds up the blank left-hand wall.

In a nutshell he felt that the working party's sol-ution would not provide the independence required whereas the CIMA solotion would. From there it was but a short sentence or two before he was swapping "yes it is no it isn't" repartee with Swinson, as the other four working party members put their heads in their hands

What made the breakdown so extraordinary was that the points at issue were all known and understood. Nothing new was being expressed. And no one could see what might be gained by having a blazing row in the midst of a press conference being held to express unity.

C o there has to be an assumption that oth-

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dent, as the ASB is. The alternatives are that either the APB is shifted to a position of independence under the proposed new review board, or it moves in alongside the ASB under the acgis of the Financial Reporting Council (FRC). Both options would pro-

vide the independence required. Those were the argu-ments. Five of the six bodies agreed on the first option. CLMA went for the second. The different lines of support and the arguments for and against were detailed in a separate report. The assumption of most observers was that a compromise would be reached and

CIMA would eventually agree to the majority view. Swinson pointed out that CIMA held strong views on the subject and asked its vice-president, Norman Lyle, who is general manager, finance, at Zeneca, to outline them. This was

V er issues lurk beneath the surface. John Chester, CIMA's chief executive, insists that this is not so. "We have gone blue in the face trying to explain our pos-ition," he said later.

But there are two possible explanations. First is that CIMA, unlike the auditing bodies, has not been through the extreme pain and criticism allied to introducing effective regulation. As one senior observer put it: "CIMA simply do not want to open the Pandora's box of joining the joint disciplinary scheme

And the second is that CIMA, though outnumbered, simply wants more say in the matter. As a senior CIMA insider put it: The whole of this debate is about control, the control of the profession's destiny."

Tonight sees the annual CIMA dinner in the City. Perhaps the arguments will become clearer over the port. But I doubt it.

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Broad canvas for Swinson

THE events at last week's press conference to launch the proposals for a review board to keep the profession in order suggest that something stronger might be required. The chaotic descent from the dignified opening announcements to the trading of insults among members of the working party would be enough to drive anyone to drink. But Chris Swinson, the BDO Stoy Hayward partner in charge of the working party, has instead taken to water. He has set aside three hours of every weekend and has started painting watercolours. We hope that the working party has not commissioned a group portrait

ACCA harmony

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THE certified accountants have had a problem with their tide for years. The body used to be called the Association of Certified and Corporate Accounts (ACCA). But then it decided, as all accountants eventually do, to get the word

"chartered" in there somewhere. So it called itself the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants. But no sooner had it done so than someone pointed out that CACA means something rude and unpleasant in Mediterranean countries. So ever since it has had to maintain a compromise. It stuck with the name but used the ACCA acronym. Now it has been saved by the Privy Council. Members are to be allowed to call themselves chartered certified accountants and the association will once again be in harmony with its acronym.

Change of scene

proved too much for Barbara Cahalane, ACCA's public relaoons manager. She is moving to the strife-torn Law Society as its director of communications next month. She claims she is looking for new challenges. It won't be long before she is pining for the old days of extraordinary meetings and membership revolts among the accountants again.

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TRAVEL NEWS ·4

THE TIMES THURSDAY OCTOBER 24 1996

HOLIDAYS

Bargains of the week — from skiing holidays in French chalets to a weekend break in Brussels

HOTELS

Palais Details: 0800 282565.

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and Towers has a winter rate from

about 50 per cent off normal prices.

programme from Holiday Inn

includes 14 hotels in Paris and two

in Brussels. Prices range from £40

to £130 per room (able to accommo-

date a family of four) per night. In

some hotels, weekend rates may

also be available during the week.

A COMPLIMENTARY fruit

basket is offered at the Hotel San

Regis in Paris, a member of

Summit International Hotels, from

November 1 until February 28. The

Details: 0800 897121.

THE Europa Inter-Continental otel in Brussels has a weekend feart of the City rate of about 10 a room a night, including rvice charge and all taxes. The fer includes extra options, such a room upgrade, a third night ee or food and beverage vouchers. etails: 0181-847 2277.

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THE four-star Golden Tulip 'alace Hotel in Brussels has a pecial rate of about £72 per room er night, about half the normal ate, until the end of 1997. Details: 800 951000.

■ FOUR nights for the price of hree is offered by Crystal Cities at a Club room costs from £104 a night, also without breakfast. Dehe three-star Hotel l'Horset tails: 0800 353535. avillon in Paris. The offer, valid unril the end of March, costs from 209 per person, including train are. Details, 0181-390 9900 THE new "Weekender Plus"

THE Royal Windsor Hotel in he heart of Brussels has a "Weekind Escapade* offer until Decemer 19 through Leading Hotels of he World, Costing about £105 per room per night, it includes a daily hampagne buffet breakfast and ree entry to the hotel's nightclub. Offer valid for Friday and Saturiay nights only, Details: 0800 (SÚ25.

A SPECIAL "Picasso" package is seasonal rate is about £176 per available from Marignan-Elysees, room per night for a single, £233 for a Westin Demeure Hotel in Paris. a double, Details: 0800 556555.

until January 20. The price, based on two sharing, is £230 per night and includes a bottle of champagne on arrival and two tickets to the Picasso exhibition at the Grand AN UPGRADE to an executive room with fax machine is offered, subject to availability, with the winter weekend rate at the Conrad International Hotel in Brussels. Price is about £163 per room per night, compared with a normal PRIMA Hotels has a two-night weekend break at the Hotel Montalembert on Paris's Left Bank. For about £424 per room the package, available until the end of the year, includes a one-day pass per person for a variety of muse-THE Sheraton Brussels Hotel

Bruges, within easy reach of the White Cliffs, is available for short breaks at £154 per person

November 29 until February 15 of FEARIES A standard room costs about £82 per night without breakfast, while HOVERSPEED has joined with the RAC to offer a ski package from Dover and Folkestone. A ten-day trip, with ferry crossing, winter sports insurance and RAC

assistance costs £99 for a car and two passengers, £119 for a car and family. For 17 days it is £109 for a car and two passengers, £134 per family. Details: 01304 240241.

MINI-CRUISES with Scandinavian Seaways de part on October 29 to Hamburg and October 30 to Esbjerg, Denmark. Two nights on board ship with breakfast and a sightseeing tour costs from £59 per person. Details: 0990 333111.

DAY TRIPS through the Channel Tunnel with Le Shuttle cost £29 through Eurodrive from Monday to Thursday. E39 at weekends, Limited availability, 24 hours' notice required - valid until October 30. Details: 0181-324 4000.

SHORT breaks in Ireland using SeaCat Scotland's Stranraer-Belfast route cost from £83 per person. This price is based on a car and two adults, includes B&B and is valid until December 16, Details: 01232 313542.

AIRLINE Network has announced a batch of new year offers, including London-Miami for £233 return plus tax and London/Los Angeles for E258 return plus lax. Flights valid from January 11 to March 8. Details: 0800

FLICHTS

Gatwick on December 17 and 23. returning January 7 and 14. Clansman class seats available from £699 a person. Details: 0171-373 6055.

Luton to Rome's secondary Ciampino airport on 146200.

costs £67. Details: 0800 891199.

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GHANA return for £349 a person over Christmas is on offer from Justravel with Caledonian flights from

LOW-COST airline Debonair starts flying from November 21, Fares start at £69 one way. Details: 0500

VIRGIN Express, the cut-price airline based in Brussels, is targeting UK travellers with a toll-free reservations line. The carrier operates daily flights from Brussels to Rome, Milan, Madrid, Barcelona. Nice, Vienna and Copenhagen. A typical one-way fare

SPECIAL offers are available in Gerardmer, the Vosges ski resort close enough to Britain for a shortbreak holiday, including three nights at the Grand Hotel Bragard. some meals and lift passes for four days for Fr1.450 (£175) a person. Details: 0033 3 2963 0631.

A WEEK in the same region costs Fr3.314 (about £400) a person at the Hotel des Vallees, La Bresse, including half-board for six days, ski hire and lift passes. Details: 0033 3 2925 4129.

CHRISTMAS skiing holidays in chalets in Morzine are still available from Ski Esprit with prices for the week from December 22 starting at 1328 for an adult with underhalf-price. Details: 01252 18s 616789.

CHALETS and other ski resort properties in France are now available on the Internet with full details, colour photographs and direct contact numbers, plus a ski information page with guides, maps and snow reports. Details from Internet Holidays Rentals on the Web at http://www.holidayrentals.co.uk and on 0tSI-741 7878.

LA CITE des Sciences, the interactive science park in Paris full of hands-on exhibitions for children including a new one about electricity, is featured in tours arranged by Paris Travel Service and Cresta. Details: 01992 456000 and 0161-927 7000.

BRUGES, one of the most attractive continental cities within easy reach of the UK, is available for short breaks for £154 a person from Inntravel. The price includes two nights bed and breakfast at the canalside Hotel Azalea and return Eurostar service from Waterloo to Brussels. Details: 01653 628862.

BOOK within the next week to take advantage of deals available in Sunsites' 1997 Preview Brochure, with prices for 12 nights for a tenl sleeping six at popular European campsites starting at (214. Details:

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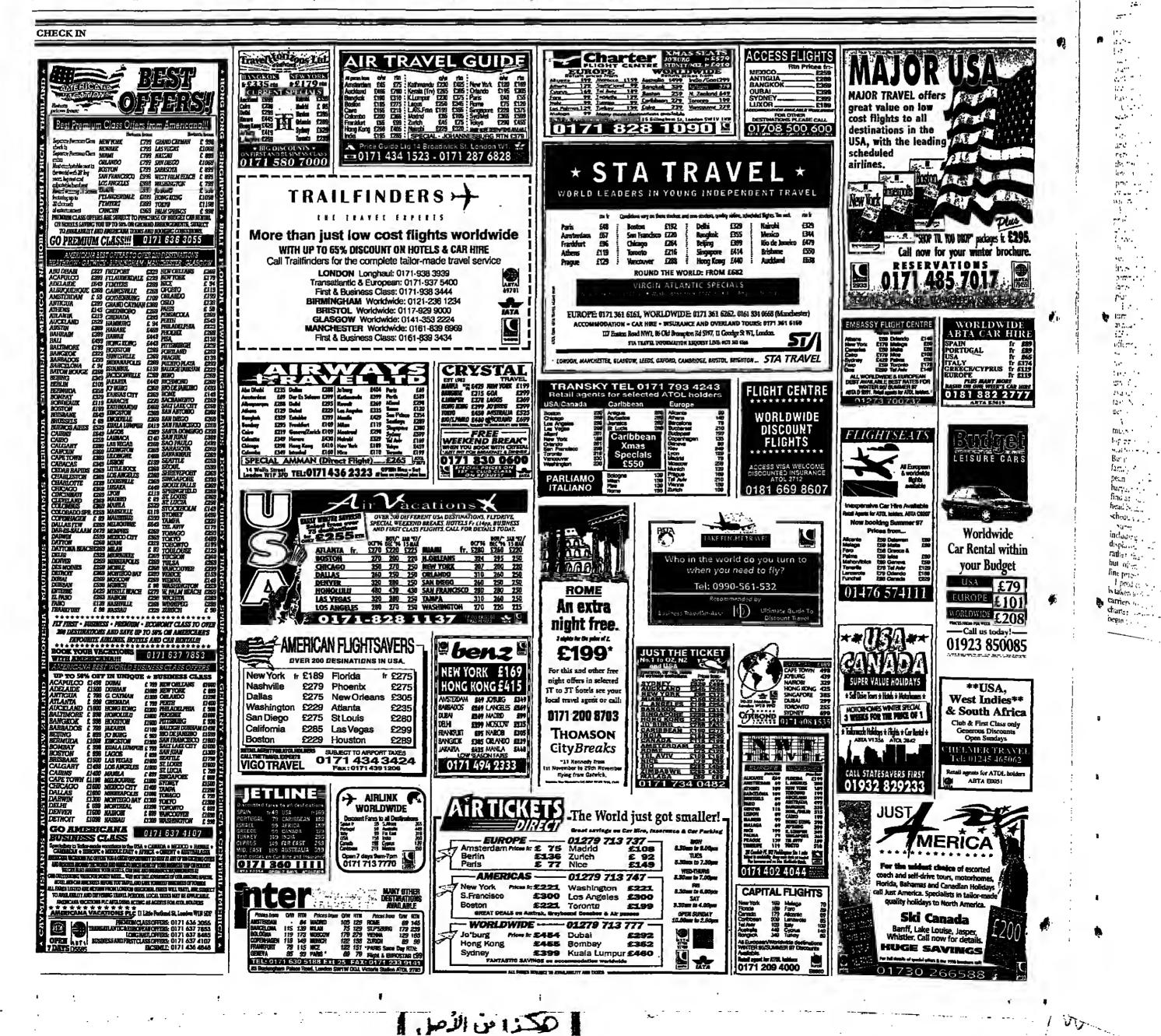
MOUNTAIN biking. canoeing, and cruises are among activites available during a week in the Dordogne with Headwater Holtdays with departures every Saturday until November 23. The price is 1318 a person, including half-board hotel accommodation and ferry crossing. Details: 01000 48609

LUXOR in a luxury hotel for a week for £349 a person is on offer from Goldenjoy Holidays with flights from Gatwick every Friday from November 1 to December 13. Details: 0171-794 9818.

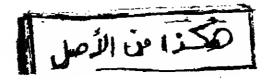
EILAT is available at reduced prices in November from Destination Red Sea with a week's halfboard at four-star hotels and return flights starting from £329 a person. Details: 0181-440 9900.

A CRUISE comprising to nights to Rio de Janeiro, departing from Genoa on November 16. is available from £999 a person from Thornton's Cruise World acting for Mediterranean Shipping Cruises. The price includes flights from London to Genoa, returning to London from Rio. The ship calls at Casablanca and South American ports. Details: 0117-925 4444.

BIRDWATCHING in Ethiopia is still available on a ten-day tour departing Heathrow on November 22 with Naturetrek. The price is £990 a person and includes return flights, most meals and accommodation and the tour includes the Rift Valley lakes and Awash National Park. Details: 01962 733051



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What is the real price of air fares?

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WHAT IS the cheapest single fare between London and Glasgow? According to the ubiquitous advertisements,

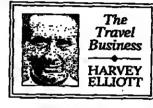
the answer is surely £29. Wrong. The least you will pay is £34 – 17 per cent more than the headline rate. And prices quoted for longer-range flights are also not all that they seem. Flights to Orlando advertised at £275 this week, for example, will actually cost £305 -- about 11 per cent more.

Airlines offering these at-tractive-sounding low fares insist they do tell potential customers that they will end up paying more for their flights. But you will have to look hard to gette agree the look hard to come across the small print somewhere in the advertisement such as "excl.

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taxes", or "taxes apply". The additional charges are, of course, caused by the Government's airport departure tax introduced almost two years ago. A levy of £5 is imposed on domestic and intra-European passengers, while long-distance flights are subject to a £10 tax.

Scheduled airlines, who do not include the tax in the quoted fare, have not been affected, Indeed, not only have they seen the number of passengers go on rising but



they have also been able to 13 increase their fares. Publisbed transatlantic business class fares from Britain, for example, have risen by 9 per cent in the past year and even the standard economy tickets have gone up by 7 per cent. Charter . airlines offering seat-only tickets have not been able to follow suit. Thomson, First Choice, Airtours, United and their charter-airline part-

ners have had to pay the tax themselves to keep prices low. They guarantee that the price quoted in the brochure or advertisement is what you will pay. By absorbing the tax, there

profits have fallen sharply and some have even been

Take the Eurostar for a ride to the heart of French skiing

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

SKIERS will be able to travel to some of Europe's finest resorts by train this winter as part of a dramatic new inidaove to boost still further the number of people travelling on Eurostar

A special ski train - nick-named "Eurostarski" - will leave Waterloo on most Friday evenings throughout the winter ski season, enabling enthusiasts to travel via Paris or Lille and be on the slopes in Val-d'Isère, Tignes, La Plagne and the resorts of the Trois Vallees by mid-morning on Saturday.

Tour operators have been quick to seize the opportunity presented by Eurostar's mar-keting drive. Ski France is offering seven days' self-catering at Val Thorens from January 4 for £212, including return rail fares, transfers and accommodadon. Independent travellers will be able to book direct with Eurostar in London.

Eurostar, which also stops at Ashford in Kent, arrives in little more than two hours at Gare du Nord in Paris, where passengers will - until next year — have a further two hours in which to have a meal before boarding the train for Moûtiers and Bourg-St Mau-rice, twin centres of France's ski resorts.

Once on board the SNCF ski train, they can either take a couchette or spend time in the specially designed disco carriage. Next year it is planned that Eurostar will travel to the French resorts direct and with no need to change trains before reaching Bourg St Maurice.

The new ski-train service is one of a number of initiatives taken by the newly appointed British operators of the cross-Channel train. Others will follow in the next few months as Eurostar launches a determined drive to dominate travel to the Continent.

The service is proving so successful that its operators are now planning to buy double-decker trains capable of carrying more than 1,100 passengers. Prototypes are al-ready running in France and

are expected to be in service_ with Eurostar after the new high-speed rail link to Brit-

staff call "tunnel of love" passengers - couples taking a romantic weekend break in Paris or Brussels to celebrate

office parties and Christmas shoppers boarding at both Waterloo and Ashford.

Parisian hoteliers claim that

Eurostar has saved many of them from bankruptcy as strikes, high prices and nuclear tests drove away foreign visitors in their millions. But the number of British visitors continues to rise -

495,700 arrived in Paris in the first six months of this year while the number of other foreign visitors fell sharply. One leading Paris hotelier said last week: "Eurostar is the best thing that could have

switching to Eurostar and benefit from improved services and a new fares structure

aimed at taking full advantage of the train's unique ability to transport so many people with differing needs direct from the heart of one city to the beart of

Free taxi transfers from office to station and on to the meeting point for first-class passengers are to be introduced and those who pay the full fare will be given priority check-in and will, if they wish. be able to use their fully flexible return ticket to return to Heathrow on a British Midland flight. At the same time, a range of new cut-price fares will be introduced to

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Clinics accused of touting for patients

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT AND TONY DAWE

PACKAGE tourists are being Everybody knows about it but it is difficult to control." put at risk because of deals to send them to unsuitable clin-The medical assistance com-

ics should they fall ill, medical experts are claiming. Miguel Nadal, the chief executive of Lifeline, the Brit-ish medical assistance company, has brought the issue to a head by claiming that tour operators and resort staff are being paid by clinics to supply patients.

Dr Nadal says clinics in Majorca, for example, are in fierce competition for clients and that the "going rate" for delivering a patient is 5,000 pesetas (about £25). He added that many Span-

ish clinics employ young, barely qualified doctors with little experience of acute medicine or dealing with surgical emergencies, and that patients would receive better treatment at state hospitals. Tour operators have reacted

angrily to Dr Nadal's claims, first made at an international travel insurance conference earlier this month, but other medical and insurance experts have supported him.

Ben Reader, operadons manager of Assistance 2000, said: "There is a problem, especially in Spain and its islands. People are being directed to private clinics by outside parties who are not medically qualified in return for backhanders. Tour represectatives have to supplement their slender incomes and this is one way of doing it. Hotels

are also in on the deal.

panies know what is going on because they monitor the progress of pacients abroad. They believe that the deals have developed because of the growth in private clinics at resorts and the distances patients might need to travel to reach state hospitals. "Health risks can arise," Mr Reader added, "because a

clinic might be able 10 carry out a hip operation but would be unable to deal with complications that might arise. State hospitals, on the other hand. are equipped to deal with most problems."

The Association of British Insurers said that the problem had been brought to the attendon of tour operators and travel agencies. "We are not aware of any widespread problem so we have not issued any guidelines," a spokesman sai

Alan Flook, of the Tour Operators Federation, said: "We have never had any problems with the medical authorities in 15 years. I would not be surprised if occasionally some individual did take a commission but local representatives are generally concerned that their customers are looked after very well."

Thomson said that it reviewed contracts with hospitals each year and that one of the main priorities was that the doctors and nursing staff spoke English.

Muggers in Madrid

BY JACK CROSSLEY

SPANISH police are searching for a gang of muggers who use mobile phones to target tourists in Madrid. Two elderly British women were robbed while strolling in one of the city's quietest parks last week while the Prado was "They followed advice about

when and where to walk to avoid danger and thought a Sunday stroll through the Parque del Buen Retiro was well within the guidelines." said John Howes, a close friend."But it turned into a

In the park the women In the park the women said it may update its travel noticed two young men, one advice to British tourists.

With Eurostar's special ski train this winter, skiers will leave Waterloo on Friday and be on the slopes by Saturday ain's key regional cities is

More than seven million passengers have now travelled on the two Eurostar routes from London to Paris and Brussels since services began in 1994, forcing the company to put on extra trains to meet the demand. There are now 16 train services to Paris each day and nine to Brussels. Each carries 770 passengers - almost twice as many as a jumbo jet - at speeds of up to 186

miles an hour. They are proving popular. with day-trippers, business people holding conferences on board, as incentives for sales-

people and what Eurostar

an anniversary. Eurostar has already taken a 60 per cent share of the French cross-Channel market and this Christmas the trains are expected to be filled with

Half the passengers on board originate from Britain. 40 per cent are from France and 10 per cent come from early next year, they will Belgium.

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happened to Paris."

Business travellers, too, are

closed for lunch. nightmare,"

attract leisure passengers.

with a mobile phone, apparently sweeping up leaves. Within seconds, the women were attacked from behind, flung to the ground and robbed of their money, credit cards, passports, airline tickets and cameras. "They quick-

realised how well-planned their mugging had been - a realisation confirmed by police, the British Consulate and British Airways, who all said: 'Oh no, not another one'," said Mr Howes.

The consulate charged them £30 for replacement documents and the Foreign Office



forced out of business. But they are no longer prepared to see competing scheduled airlines offering what may seem comparable or even lower fares, without having to display the total price.

For example, a Unijet re-turn flight to Orlando is available next Tuesday for E259 inclusive, while BA is offering a return of £294 plus, in parenthesis £24 tax for both UK and foreign taxes. From next month Virgin flights to Orlando are available for £302 (plus £35 tax). No wonder the passenger is confused.

A levy of £5 may not seem much to someone paying the top price for a business class seat to Frankfurt, for example. But it is to a budget conscious family flying to a non-European country who spot a bargain fare but then have to find an additional £30 or so a head because the flight is on a scheduled airline. Surely the total amount

including all taxes, should be displayed prominently -rather than an eye-catching, but often misleading, headline price?

I predict that unless action is taken to force the scheduled carriers to be more open, the charter operators will also begin to "hide" the taxes.



SAGA yesterday bought its own cruise liner, which will become the only ship in the world from which passengers aged under 50 are banned. Harvey Etliott writes.

The tour operator, a special-ist in providing high-quality, off-peak holidays for the over-50s, has spent about £20 million on buying Cunard's 24,474-tonne Sagafjord. which will begin Mediterranean cruises in the spring before a major refit. The five star liner will carry up to 620 passengers and 320 crew, with British officers. Saga has ruled that there will be no tip-

ping at the end of the voyage. Roger de Haan, Saga's chairman, said: "One of the main complaints of people who go on cruises is being asked to pay a big tip at the end, so we have decided to ban tipping altogether. "We already provide 14 per

cent of the customers for other cruise companies. The market to provide the kind of luxurious standards that our custois growing so fast and the

supply of good-quality liners is so short that we have no way mers have come to expect and at an affordable price." of meeting the demand with-The Sagafjord - at present out buying our own ship." on charter from Cunard to a Prices would be lower than on existing ships because Saga has lower overheads. "There has been a lot of development at the cheap and cheerful end of the market and we know our passengers do not want that," he said. "We will be able

German tour company - will operate from Dover harbour near Saga headquarters. "It is exactly the right size for our customers," Mr de

Haan said. "You could spend a week on board some of the ships now at sea and not even meet the people with whom you embarked."

BA's terminal

fare confusion BUSINESS travellers booking British Airways flights be tween London Heathrow and Larnaca, Cyprus, face terminal confusion when the winter schedules start this month, Raymond Atherton writes. For BA is sending some of its Larnaca flights from Terminal 1 and others from

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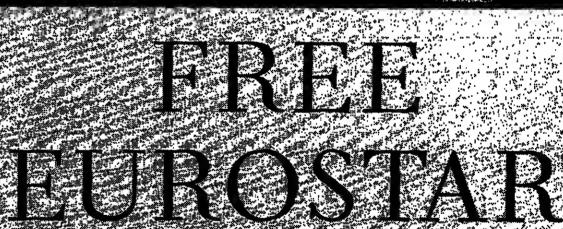
will be operated by a Boeing

The price difference is due to

seating. Flights from Terminal I are deemed to be short-



The Sagafjord: Saga is spending millions on the liner



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Human Rights Law Report

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The Court reiterated that article

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Criminal law offers protection to child sex-abuse victims

Stubbings and Others v United Kingdom

(Case No 36-37/1995) Before P. Bernhardt, President and Judges F. Göküklü, R. Macdonald, N. Valocos, I. Foighel, R. Pekkanen, J. M. Morenilla, Sir John Freeland and Mr J. Makarczyk Registrar H. Petzold

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Deputy Registrar P. J. Mahoney Judgment October 22]

Victims of child sex abuse whose cases had been brought out of time failed in their action against the United Kingdon before the Euro-

pean Court of Human Rights. The Court, by seven votes to two." that there had b en no violation of article 6.1 of the European Conven-tion on Human Rights, which guaranteed the right of access to a court, and unanimously, that in view of the protection afforded by domestic criminal law to secure respect for private life in child sexcases and the margin of appreciation allowed to states in those matters, there had been no violation of article 8.

The applicants' claim that they had been treated in a discriminatory manner, contrary to article 14 of the Convention, taken in conjunction with articles 6.1 and 8 was also rejected by eight votes to

Article 6 provides: "I in the etermination of his civil rights and obligations ... everyone is entitled to a ... hearing ... by [a] ... tribunal

Article 8 provides: "1 Everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspond 2 There shall be no interference

by a public authority with the exercise of this right except such as is in accordance with the law and is necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security. public safety or the economic welleing of the country, for the prevention of disorder or crime, for the protection of health or morals, or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others."

Article 14 provides: "The enjoyent of the rights and freedoms set forth in the Convention shall be secured without discrimination on ground such as sex race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social

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Page v Sheerness Steel Co plc

Justice Auld and Lord Justice

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minority, property, birth or other SISTUC The case originated in two applications to the European Commission of Human Rights: (i) that of Ms Lesley Stubbings. Ms J. L. and Ms J. P., and (ii) that of Ms D. S. Both were referred to the Court

origin, association with a national

which decided to join them. 1 Ms Stubbings

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her mental health problems.

1980 Act.

Ms Stubbings was born on January 29, 1957. She alleged that.

between the ages of two and 14, she was sexually abused on a number of occasions by her adoptive father. James Francis Webb, and by his Ms J. L. son. Stephen, which caused her to experience severe psychologica problems.

However, it was not until September 1984, following treat-ment by a consultant child and family psychiatrist, that she re-alised for the first time that there assaults suffered from bouts of depression and other psychological diffi-culties. In October 1990 she was might be a connection between the childhood abuse and her state of mental health.

referred to a psychologist who helped her to understand for the On August 18, 1987 she com menced proceedings against the Webbs, seeking damages for the alleged assaults. The defendants applied to have the claim dis-missed as time-barred under the first time the connection between the abuse and her proble Initially that worsened her condition, causing her to attempt suicide in December 1990. Limitation Act 1990

In January 1991 she consulted solicitors with a view to commenc-Both the High Court and the Court of Appeal (The Times April 3, 1991: [1992] QB 197) were bound ing proceedings for damages against her father. Legal aid was thority (Letang Cooper ([1965] 1 QB 232) to hold granted and a writ was issued on March 26, 1991, that Ms Stubbing's claim was based on a breach of duty within She also reported the alleged abuse to the police, who decided the meaning of section 11 of the

assault.

not in bring charges. When she was informed of that decision she The limitation period for such made another suicide attempt. Following the judgment of the House of Lords in Stubbings v Webb, her civil claim against her actions was three years, either from the date on which the cause accrued or from the date on which the plaintiff first knew the injury in father was discontinued on the advice of counsel that it had question was both significant and attributable to the defendants. become time-barred in 1986, six years after her eighteenth The Court of Appeal accepted Ms Stubbings' argument that she did not realise she had a cause of birthday. action undi September 1984, when

3 Ms J. P. with therapy she grasped the causal link between the abuse and Ms J, P. was burn in 1958. Between the ages of five and seven sbe attended a state primary

school in Highgate, London, but her parents withdrew her in 1966 In any case, section 33 of the 1980 Act provided that the court could because she had become depressed allow such an action to proceed even it commenced after the expiry and withdrawn and was suffering of the three-year period, where would be equitable to do so. from nightmares. It appeared that the deputy

The defendants appealed to the House of Lords, which, having considered the background to the ister, a Mr P, had been removing her from lessons, purportedly to look after his

1980 Act. held The Times Decemdaughter aged two. From that ome onwards, J. P. had difficulty in ber 17, 1992; [1993] AC 498) that the sustaining relationships and felt words "breach of duty" in section Il did not in fact embrace actions different" and lonely. based on intentionally inflicted She underwent a course of injuries, such as rape and indecent therapy which, in February 1989,

promoted her to experience a violent recall of being subjected to sexual abuse by Mr P. She Instead, those types of claim were subject to the six-year limitasubsequently recovered memories tion period provided for in section 2 of the Act. That limit, which of other assaults by him, including could not be disapplied by the incidents of rare. In October 1991 she instructed

court, started to run from the plaintiff's eighteenth birthday: see solicitors to commence proceedsection 28. Ms Stubbings's claim ings for damages against Mr P and a writ was issued on February was therefore out of time. 1992. However, legal aid was withdrawn and the action was Ms J. L. was born in 1962. She alleged that between 1968 and

discontinued following the de-cision of the House of Lords in *Stubbings* v Webb because her September 1979 she was frequently abused by her father, who tool claim had become time-barred to pornographic photographs of her and subjected her to serious sexual January 1982 4.5 4 Ms D. S. Between 1981 and 1991, she Ms D. S. was born in 1962.

Between 1968 and 1977 she was subjected to repeated sexual assaults by her father, which caused her despair and On March 15, 1991 D. S.'s father

pleaded guilty to a charge of indecent assault based on his abuse of her. He was sentenced to one year's probation.

D. S. considered that was in-sufficient punishment and she therefore instituted civil proceedings against her father on August

A report from a psychologist stated that it would have been impossible for her to have taken that step earlier, because she had largely blocked out memories of se as a means of survival Her action was discontinued on

May 24, 1993 following the House of Lords' judgment in Stubbings v Webb, since her claim had been brought outside the six-year time limit held in that case to apply. Applications The application of Ms

Stubbings, Ms J. L. and Ms J. P. was lodged before the European Commission of Human Rights on May 14, 1993, and that of Ms D. S. on June 14, 1993. They were both eclared admissible on September 6. 1994.

Having attempted unsuccess fully to secure a friendly settle-ment, the Commission drew up two reports on February 22, 1995 in which it established the facts and because of the passage of time. expressed unanimous opinions

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that there had been violations of article 14 of the Convention in unduly short. II was proportionate conjunction with article 6.1 and to the aims sought to be achieved. that therefore it was not necessary That was apparent from the fact to examine the complaints under that if the applicants had comarticle 6.1 alone or article 8, alone menced actions shortly before the or in combination with article 14. expiry of the period, the courts In its judgment the European Court of Human Rights held as would have been required to follows: 1 Article Á 1

The applicants had argued that one of the effects of the sexual abuse was to prevent them from appreciating for many years that it. was the cause of their psychological problems. Because of the application of a fixed six-year fimitation period, their claims for damages became e-barred before they had even

realised they had causes of action: it followed that the very essence of their right of access to a court. guaranteed by article 6.1, had been mnaired. The Court referred to its case law, which established that article

6.1 embodied the right to institute proceedings before a court in civil matters, but that that right was ubject to limitations. In regulating access to a court,

contracting states enjoyed a certain margin of appreciation, although the limitations applied should not restrict or reduce the access left to the individual in such a way or to such an extent that the very essence of the right was impaired. Furthermore, all limitations had to pursue a legitimate aim and be reasonably proportionate.

The very essence of the applicants' right of access to cou was not impaired since they had had six years from their eighteenth birthdays in which to initiate civil proceedings and since, subject to the need for sufficient evidence, a criminal prosecution could have, been brought at any time and a ensation order made.

Limitation periods served the legitimate aims of ensuring legal certainty and finality. protecting potential defendants from stale claims which might be difficult to counter and preventing the injus-tice which might arise if courts were required to decide upon events which took place in the distant past on the basis of evidence which might have become unreliable and incomplete

adjudicate on events which had taken place approximately twenty years earlier. There was no uniformity and the member states of the Council of Europe with regard either to the length of civil limitation periods or the date from which such periods re reckoned. It could not be said that it was community accepted in European states that, in cases such

as the present, the time limit should only start in run from the date at which the material facts were known to the plaintiff. There had been a developing

awareness in recent years of the problems caused by child abuse and its psychological effects on victims and it was possible that the rules on limitation of actions applying in member states of the Council of Europe might have m be amended to make special vision for that group of claimants in the near future.

wever, since the very esse of the applicants: right of access to a court was not impaired and the restrictions pursued a legitimateaim and were proportionate, it was not for the Court to substitute its own view for that of the state authorities as to what would be the most appropriate policy in that

Accordingly, taking into account in particular the legitimate aims served by the rules of limitation in question and the margin of appreciation afforded in states in regulating the right of access to a court, the Court found that there had been no violation of article 6.1 of the Convention taken alone-Judges Foighel and Macdonald II Article 8

The applicants Ms Stubbings, Ms J. L. and Ms J. P. contende that the problem of child sexual. abuse demanded new measures for the protection of minors. The interpretation of the 1980 Act given by the House of Lords in Stubbings case had failed to respond to that need. The Court observed, first, that

the defendant; with an additional The six-year time limit was not article 8 was clearly applicable to discretion to file judge to allow those complaints, which concerned such an action to proceed ev a matter of private life. commenced after the expiry of the

Although the object of that three-year period. article was essentially to protect the individual against arbitrary 14 afforded protection against interference by the public authorities, it might also impose positive obligations involving the adoption the rights and freedoms sale-guarded by the other substantive by the state of measures designed to secure respect for private life even in the sphere of the relations of individuals among themselves. The choice of means calculated

other persons in an analogous or to secure compliance, with that relevantly similar situation en-joyed preferential treatment and obligation in principle fell within the contracting states' margin of appreciation. objective justification for that Sexual abuse was un distinction.

ably an abhorrent type of wrong-doing, with debilitating effects on its victims. Children and other margin of appreciation in assess-ing whether and to what extent vuinerable individuals were endifferences in otherwise similar otted to state protection in the form of effective deterrence from such situations justified a different treatgrave types of interference with ment in law. ential aspects of their private to be in an analogous situation to

the victims of negligently caused harm for the purposes of article 14. In any domestic judicial system there might be a number of In the instant case, howeve such protection was afforded by the criminal law. Article 8 did not necessarily require that states fulfil separate categories of claimant, classified by reference to the type of their positive obligation to secure respect for private life by the provision of unlimited civil rem-edies in circumstances where crimharm suffered, the legal basis of the claim or other factors, who

were subject to varying rules and inal law sanctions were in procedures. operation. Accordingly, in view of the protection afforded by the domesapply to each of those groups. For

example it might be more readily apparent to the victims of delibic criminal law against the sexual abuse of children and the margin of appreciation allowed to states in erate wrongdoing that they had a cause of action. It would be artificial to emphasise the similarsuch matters, the Court concluded unanimously that there had been no violation of article 8 of the thies between those groups of claimant and to ignore the distinc-Convention. tions between them. Furthermore, even if a compari-UI Article 14 taken in conjunction

with articles 6.1 and/or B

soo could properly be drawn between the two groups in ques-In addition, all of the applicants alleged that they had been treated tion, the difference in treatment might be reasonably and objecin a discriminatory manner, con-trary marticle 14 taken in conjunc tively justified, again by reference to their distinctive characteristics. tion with article 6.1; Ms Stubbings. Ms J. L. and Ms J. P. also It was quite reasonable, and fell complaining of a violation of within the margin of appreciation. articles 14 and 8 taken together." afforded to the contracting states, to create separate regimes for the limitation of actions based on They pointed to the difference in the rules of limitation applied in

cases of intentionally caused indeliberately inflicted harm. and jury, such as their own, and injury negligence. Accordingly, the Court found no violation of article 14 of the caused by negligence, where the time bar was three years from the date on which the plaintiff first Convention taken in conjunction knew the injury in question was with articles 6.1 or 8. Judge both significant and attributable to Macdonald dissemed.

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that that applied only to the guidelines then in force, and had

been rendered outmoded by the

advent of index-linked government

Prudent investor basis for determining damages for personal injury The defendants had rightly re-lied on the repeated emphasis in the authomies on printers invest-1995 No 1092).

Their Lordshins were not convinced that had index-linked goverroment securities been available in the 1970s the House of Lords would have selected them in preference to the conventional guideline.

The guidelines were still valid and their . Lordships were not persuaded that the case had been made out for the courts of their own motion to adopt todex-linked government securities in their place. The present conventional discount rate of 4.5 per cent should

EI,619 million against her hus-band. Mr Derek Wells, by Judge Wilcox sitting as a deputy High Court judge on June 13, 1995. Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord In the second, James Thomas had been awarded £1.285 million against Brighton Health Authority by Mr Justice Collins on November 7, 1995. In the third, Kelvin Page had been awarded £906,000 against

Thelma Wells had been awarded

LORD JUSTICE HIRST, giving the judgment of the court, said that his former employer. Sheerness Steel Co plc by Mr Justice Dyson ch case raised detailed issues but on December 4, 1995. the common general point of principle concerned the appro-On appeal, the Wells award was reduced to £1.086 million; the

for Mrs Theima Wells. for more than a century and was Mr Kieran Coonan, QC and Miss Christina Lambert for the accepted on all sides was that damages were to be assessed on Brighton Health Authority: Mr the basis that the fundamenta Robert Owen, QC and Mr Phillip purpose of an award was to achieve as nearly as possible full Havers, OC. for James Thomas. compensation to the plaintiff for Mr John Leighton Williams, QC and Mr Richard Methuen for Sheerness Steel: Mr Christopher the injuries sustained. The conventional approach in-

Purchas, QC and Mr Matthias Kelly for Mr Kelvin Page. volved the award of a sum which prudently invested would provide the plainoff with an annuity equal in amount to the loss: see Cookson v Knowles (1979) AC 556, 567-571, 576) and Lim Poh Choo v Camden Health Authority ([1980] AC 174).

Its arguments had been adopted by the Law Commission in its report Structured settlements and interim and provisional damages (Law Com No 224; Cm 2646). The commission had recommended that courts should be required by law in determining the return to be expected from investment of lump sum damages to take account of

the net return on an index-linked government security. While the judges in the instant cases had adopted the index-linked . government securities approach, in other recent cases, Casey v East Anglian Health Authority

To do so was to place the plaintiff unwarrantably in a privileged position. The statement of principle to that effect by the House of Lords in Lim's case was of para-mount importance and confronted" the plaintiffs with grave difficulty. The plaintiffs had also sought to

securities. portray the multiplicand, once firmly established, as converting Their Lordships did not agree. It an assessment of probabilities into ras for the court to hold the balance evenly between both sides and just as the plaintiff was a notional certainty and submitted that the fixing of the multiplier was entitled to an award which a mere mathematical function. regardless of probabilities, to re-turn the plaintiff to his preachieved as nearly as possible full compensation for the injuries susaccident position with maximum

determine the quantum of such awards, not one based on Index-linked government securities.

Court of Appeal so held The allowing appeals by the defen-dants in three personal injury cases in which liability was admlt-

In the first, the plaintiff Mrs chas. QC and Mr George Gadney



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priate multiplier to be applied to Thomas award to a sum in be the annual amount assessed for future losses and expenses, the determined later; and the Page award reduced to £626,000. No multiplicand. order as to costs was made.

In each case, the judge, having heard expert evidence from both sides, had departed from the well Mr John Leighton Williams, QC and Mr Richard Methuen for Mr established conventional approach Derck Wells: Mr Christopher Purof awarding a multiplier consistent vith a return of 4 to 5 per cent a

year on the capital sum, and fixed the muldplier by reference to the return on index-linked government securities at 3 per cent a year. with the result that the multiplier spread of investments. That was damages greatly increased. In other similar cases, judges not an exact science.

adhered to the conventional guidelines, with the result that the law on the point had been thrown into the melting pot. leading to stalemate in major personal injury claims. The basic rule which had stood

Multipliers were based on November 1993, Mr Justice assumption that the principal sum would earn interest at about 4 or 5 per cent, rates that would be appropriate to times of stable currency, future inflation being ignored on the basis that any loss to inflation would be roughly balanced by higher interest rates. French). The assumption where the award was very large was that the plaintiff would seek advice as to how best to manage the money, and that there would be a normal

A working party in 1994 chaired by Sir Michael Ogden, QC, had produced actuarial tables for use in fatal accident and personal injury cases. It had strongly advocated the adoption of the indexinked government securities discount rate, rather than the conventional 4 to 5 per cent.

Gage); Lodge v Simpson (Decem-1995, Mr Justice Garland); Walsh v Glessio (February 1996. Mr Justice Gage) and Smith v Waltham Forest Health Authority (February 1996, Mr Justice the conventional proach had prevailed. The plaintiffs maintained: 1 That the award must be fixed onthe assumption that the plaintiff was entitled to invest it taking the minimum risk and 2 That the test was not whether it

would be prudent to invest in equities but whether to invest in index-linked government securi-ties would achieve the necessary bject with the greatest precision The question was whether those propositions were right. It was fallacious to contrast the plaintiff with an ordinary investor.

precision. The court could not accept either of those propositions. The muloplicand was the product of an assessment of a comb award. tion of a wide range of future probabilities and could not he regarded as anything more than the best estimate of the plaintiff's future losses and needs, which including a substantial proportion. of equities was appropriate to a prodent investment strategy. Eqwould always remain uncertain; thus the concept of a notional

ities were riskier than indexcertainty was unsound. In fixing the multiplier, no less linked government securities, but over longer periods of years equity then the multiplicand, the probabilides came into play. The investment had been sound. court had to take account not only financial considerations but also The Court of Protection, an organisation hardly noted for its the degree of likelihood that the plainnif might not live out his full life span and in the case of future bling instinct, included 70 to gambling insure, neutrons in its 80 per cent of equities in its investments, and charities had recently been permitted to put 75 loss of earnings that he would not have worked throughout his full ner cent of their investments into equities: see Charities (Trustee working span or, with a child, that he might never become an earner. Investment Act 1961) Order (SI

tained, so also the defendant wa continue to apply The Family Bar Association had entitled to take advantage of the - developed 'a 'very sophisticated computer-based mechanism for presumption that the plainoff would adopt a prudent investment assessing future dependencies after divorce. That technique. strategy once he received his Of the expert witnesses called, only one had dissented from the view that a basket of investments

might provide a useful step for-ward in personal injury cases in future while adhering to present guidelines, for example in the preatment of tax.

That would be worth investigat-ing as a much more modest measure of reform, although the body conducting such a review should include accountants and investment, advisers as well as lawyers and actuaries. That would have been a great advantage on the Orden inquiry too.

Solicitors: Miss Linda Y, Oliver. Worthing: Waterson Hicks. Hempsons; Compton Carr. Lawrence Graham; Russell Jones & Walker.

Measure of contractual damages where goods had latent defect

Bence Graphics Internation-al Ltd v Fasson UK Ltd Before Lord Justice Otton, Lord Justice Auld and Lord Justice Thorpe

Undgment October 17 The correct measure of damages for breach of contract where the seller had supplied goods with a latent defect which became appar-ent only after the buyer had sold them on was the actual losses suffered by the buyer, not the difference between the value of goods at the time of delivery to the buyer and the value they would have had if the warranty had been

The Court of Appeal so held by a majority (Lord Justice Thorpe dissenting) allowing an appeal by the defendant. Fasson UK Ltd. from a decision of Mr Justice Morland giving judgment for the plaintiff, Bence Graphics International Ltd for E546.328.54 together with interest of £820,799.42. Section 53 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 provides: "(1) Where there is a breach of warranty by the ler, or where the buyer elects (or is compelled) to treat any breach of a condition on the part of the seller

as a breach of warranty, the buyer is not by reason only of such breach of warranty enoted to reject the goods; but he may - (a) set up against the seller the breach of warranty in diminution or extinction of the price, or (b) maintain an action against the the containers. seller for damages for the breach of Between 1981 and 1985 the defen

warranty. "(2) The measure of damages for breach of warranty is the estimated loss directly and naturally resulting, in the ordinary course of events, from the breach of war-ករោទ្យ

warranty of quality such loss is prima facie the difference between CHANGING TIMES

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the value of the goods at the time of delivery to the buyer and the value they would have had if they had fulfilled the warranty. "(4) The fact that the buyer has

set up the breach of warranty in diminution or extinction of the price does not prevent him from maintaining an action for the same breach of warranty if he has suffered further damage." Section 54 provides: Nothing in this Act affects the right of the buyer or the seller to recover interest or special damages in any case where by law interest or special damages may be recover-able, or to recover money paid where the consideration for the

payment of it has failed," Mr Mark S. Grime, QC and Mr David Heaton for the defendants Mr Andrew G. Moran, QC and Mr Anthony Edwards for the appellants

LORD JUSTICE OTTON said the issue raised on the appeal was whether the correct measure of damages was, as the judge found, the difference in market value of the actual losses, if any, suffered by the plaintiffs under or arising from a breach of contract for onward

The defendants were suppliers of vinyl film used to make idenofication decais for bulk containers. The plaintiffs printed words or numbers on the film and cut it to vize so that it could be applied to

dants had supplied film to the value of £564,328 to the plaintiff, most of which had been used by the plaintiffs to make decais for Sea Containers Ltd. It was a term of the contract between the porties that the film would survive in good "(3) in the case of breach of legible condition for at least five

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years. In fact the film manufacturer

used insufficient stabiliser so that the film tended to degrade and some of the decals became illegible. There were extensive complaints from customers of Sea Containers about the poor labelling of their containers. The plainoffs had settled one claim relating to 349 containers and the defendants paid an agreed amount to the plaintiffs compensation. There was an intimation of a claim from Sea Containers, but that had not so far been pursued. The plaintiffs re-tained about £22,000 of unused defective material.

The plaintiffs had claimed to recover the whole purchase price or alternatively for an indemnity against all claims from their

distomers. In assessing damages the judge had applied section 53(3) of the 1979 Act, and decided that the plaintiffs

charge the burden of proof and displace the presumption as the measure of damages.

In his Lordship's view, at the time of making their contract the Mr Moran in argument had invoked the principle that where the seller delivered defective goods parties were aware that the loss. but the buyer was nevertheless able to perform a sub-contract by would not be the difference be tween the value of the goods delivering the goods to his sub-buyer, the buyer's damages delivered, and the market value, and accordingly the prima facie measure of damages ceased to be against the seller could not be reduced by taking that into acappropriate. count, relying on Slater v Hoyle and Smith Ltd [1920] 2 KB 11). The appeal would be allowed and the case remitted for determ-That decision could be distinination of damages.

ished narrowly on its facts from LORD JUSTICE AULD. the instant case, since there the concurring, said the Hadley v Baxandale principle was the recov subsale was of substantially the same goods, whereas in the instant ery of true loss and no more, or less. Where there was evidence case the goods had been substan-tially processed or converted by the showing the nature of the loss that buyer and the seller was aware at the time of sale of the precise use to the parties must be taken to have contemplated in the event of breach, it was not to be set aside by which the goods were to be put. In his Lordship's judgment, once applying the prima facie test to the goods had been converted in a section 53(3) simply because calculation of such contemplated manner which was contemplated by the parties, Slater had no loss would be difficult. application and damages must be assessed by reference to the sob-Where, as in the instant case, the

contract of sale was between merchants both of whom contemsale "whether the plaintiff likes it plated that the subject matter of the Thus the plaintiff did not have le was to be sold on, it offen the option to choose the outcome most favourable in him. The the Hadley v Baxendale principle to rule out mutual contemplation determination of the correct meaby them of damage arising from the buyer's onward sale simply because the subject matter was to sure of damages was for the court, not the aggrieved party.

The seliers would have know that any defect in the film would be altered or incorporated in another product, not have been detected on delivery The judge should have asked what the parties would have or in the process of manufacture Their breach would have cause thought about the probable loss to deterioration in service for which the buyer in the event of a tatent the ultimate users of the containers defect in the film at the time of would have complained against delivery later causing trouble. the container manufacturers, who Those observations ran counter in turn would have complained to the decision of the Court of Appeal in Slater, although they were of a piece with the approach

loss of value basis and towards a of Mr Justice Devin in Biggin v Permanite (1951) 2 All ER 190: In his Lordship's view, the time had come for Slater to be reconsid-÷.,

by a buyer for damages for breach of warrarity where he had successfully sold on the subject matter of the contract in its original or modified form without claims from his buyers. His Lordship did not agree with Lord Justice Otion that Slater could be distinguished from the instant case.

It seemed to his Lordship that the Court of Appeal in Slater had 53(2) as to what would have been in the ordinary and natural contemplation of the parties, narcely that the buyer could well be projudiced in his onward dealbe prejudiced in his onward deal-ing with the goods if they were

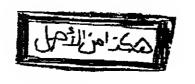
The judge had asked whether there were special circumstances known at the time to the buyer which he should be taken as having accepted so as to restrict his claim or by which the seller should have contemplated exposing him-self to an open-ended liability of indemnity.

That was the wrong approach in a case in which they would have contemplated that, in the event of a breach by the seller discovered only after the decais had been in use, the buyer might wish to pass on to it claims for damages from dissatisfied customers.

This was plainly a case in which the parties, must be taken as having contemplated that any latent defect in the vioy! film at the time of delivery or at the time of conversion by the bayer into the decals might when later discouered render the buyer vulnerable to claims for damages which would wish to pass back to the seller.

. . Lord Justice Thorpe delivered a dissenting judgment.

Solicitors: Lace Mawer Manchester, Hill Dickinson Davis Campbell, Liverpool.



were endded to the difference between the value of the goods at the ome of delivery and the valu they would have had if they had or not". fulfilled the warranty. Sections 53(2) and 54 of the 1979 Act laid down the basic principles for remoteness of damage in language derived from the leading case of *Hadley* » *Boxendale* (1854)

9 Exch 3t). The judge had decided the case on the basis that the defendants had failed to satisfy him on the balance of probabilities that the prima facie measure of damages under section 53(3) was displaced by some other measure.

circumstances. Not only the buyer but the seller could seek in dis-

His Lordship concluded that section 53(3) laid down only a prima facie rule, from which the court might depart in appropriate

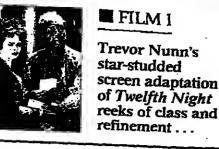
against the plaintiffs. Those factors pointed against a

measure of damages based upon the plaintiff's liability to the subsequent or ultimate users of the decals.

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FILM 2 .. while Tromeo and Juliet, with its body piercing. dismemberment and kinky sex. glories in the gauche



FILM 3 There are no star names, just plenty of genuine Gallic

charm in Cédric Klapisch's When the Cat's Away



Hollywood's battering ram thunders into action again with Keanu Reeves in Chain Reaction

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CINEMA: Geoff Brown on two tales of the Bard, from the sublimely Pre-Raphaelite to the ridiculously seedy

Shakespeare shimmers and shocks

ow do you like your Shakespeare on screen? Dressed to the nines in costumed finery and the best National Trust properties Cornwall can offer, or splattered with gore in a crude modern romp? This week you have both both. Trevor Nunn's Twelfth Night, wayward but largely satis-fying, bedecks the Bard's melan-choly comedy with Pre-Raphaelite colours, fallen leaves, and a potpourri of acting notables ranging from Imogen Stubbs to Nigel Hawthorne. It reeks of class and

refinement. Tromeo and Juliet, however, glories in being gauche. Its adver-osing tag reads "Body Piercing. Kinky Sex Dismemberment. The Things That Made Shakespeare Great". This is a product of America's Troma company, well-known in the trade for shoestring schlock such as Surf Nazis Must Die and Stuff Stephanie in the Incinerator. Much of Romeo and Juliet has been stuffed in the incinerator too, though the discerning may spot a few original iambic pentameters poking out.

Nunn, however, gives us his Shakespeare neat, cot into swiftmoving scenes. The former artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company makes a film about every decade, and Twelfth Night shows far more concern for cinematic niceties than either Hedda (1975) or

Lady Jane (1985). Clive Tickner's camera glories in auturn mists. formal gardens and the pageant of English country life (the play is updated to the late Victorian era). The editor's scissors whisk us abruptly between plot and subplot as the shipwrecked Viola dons male attire, joins the household of the lovesick Duke Orsino, and attracts the eyes of the haughty young countess Olivia.

Not everything in the garden is rosy. As Viola. Imogen Stubbs is fetchingly, teasingly androgynous, while Helena Bonham Carter's Olivia looks resplendent in auburn hair and a particularly gorgeous turquoise dress: you care about these young lovers, caught in a whirl of gender confusion and frustrated desire. Nigel Hawthome

Twelfth Night Odeon West End, 12, 133 mins Autumnal Shakespeare from Trevor Nunn

Tromeo & Juliet

ABC Piccadilly, 18, 95 mins Juvenile trash

When the Cat's Away Curzon Mayfair, 15, 90 mins Captivating French film about Parisian life Chain Reaction

Odeon West End, 12, 106 mins Sub-standard product from the Hollywood factory

Nico Icon

ICA Cinema, 72 mins Absorbing documentary about the Warhol siren

comedy's darker moods; and the Pre-Raphaelite setting enhances the suggestion of an antique world embalmed in plush colours. In a little joke, Nunn makes Steven MacKintosh's Sebastian carry a Baedeker guide to the play's fiction-al country, Illyria. The film's ulti-mate triumph is to make us want to travel there too.

Who would yearn for the seedy Manhattan of Tromeo & Juliet? A juvenile audience, perhaps: one content with low-grade humour, rock-bottom special effects, a raucous rock soundtrack, the monstrous display of private parts, and dialogue like the following. Juliet: "Parting is such sweet sorrow." Tromeo: "It totally sucks." Occasionally the film, directed by Troma supremo Lloyd Kaufman, aims a little higher than this. One particular sequence, with Jane Jensen's Juliet imprisoned in a glass case, suggests a vein of warped surreal-

ism waiting to be mined. But the Troma company's trademark gore, and the limited abilities of cast and. crew, prevent excavations.

When the Cat's Away, a genuinely ... brief daring moments, mostly shot charming film from a French in bright primary colours; a film director new to Britain, Cedric Klapisch. There are no star names in the cast; but like Eric Rohmer, Klapisch has the gift for picking unknowns or non-professionals and letting them shine. In any case, the film needs no artificial lustre its light and life come from the Paris streets, the courtyards, apartments and bars of the 11th arrondissement, Popincourt, where the heroine Chloe lives and roams. She is hunting for her cat Gris Gris, who was left in the care of an elderly neighbour while Chloe went on holiday. Friends scour the streets of a decaying area being

hauled upmarket by chic new shot in bleached colours. This tells action juggernaut. But the preposbusinesses and the redeveloper's us nothing we need to know. But wrecking ball. But the missing cat the aberration is brief: Klapisch is only an excuse for Klapisch to soon returns to exterior reality and explore the vulnerable community the Paris melting pot. This must be and his beroine's lonely life. This is the most captivating film in town.

> Chain Reaction Hollywood's battering

terous and derivative script for Chain Reaction gives him little room to work a second miracle. The most interesting acting comes from Morgan Freeman as the water project's guardian angel.

. If your mind is numbed by Chain Reaction, the documentary Nico loon, made for German

court in New York. Instead of thrusting out her own personality, she let others stamp themselves upon her. Delighting in death and hating her own beauty, she ended her life a raddled caricature, dying in Ibiza in 1988.

The director, Susanne Ofteringer, adopts various tricks to avoid a static parade of talking heads. Images come in different sizes, different densities. In archive clips we glimpse that distant planet. the Swinging Sixties. But noth-ing distracts from the fascinating spectacle of Warhol survivors recalling their vanished world; or veteran bohemian Carlos de Maldonado-Bostock, hands whirling like windmills; or the relatives who nurse mixed feelings, particularly over Nico's fling at mother-hood with Alain Delon. "Rotten actor, rotten man," Maldonado-Bostock asserts. No wonder Delon was not interviewed.

"Fascinating. Sophisticated"

Richard E Grant

David: Even the trailer for this "action-packed thriller" was bor-Richard E. Grant and Mel Smith as companions in booze Aguecheek and Belch, in Trevor Nunn's misty, autumnal Twelfth Night ing. There is almost nothing of any worth about this film apart from Morgan Freeman and he is nothing special. The action is predict-able and executed without any conviction.

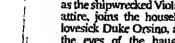
"A JOY TO BEHOLD... -the performances are universally excellent"

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Sorrel: Keanu is fat, wears sweaters and is a totally unconvincing graduate student. Structurally flawed and a waste of prime talent. even Morgan Freeman cannot

CHAIN REACTION





Civilised cinema returns, with a film of chance encounters and

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is reliable too as the cruelly baited Malvolio. Malvolio's baiters are a different matter: by pushing too hard, Mel Smith and Richard E. Grant drain most of the comedy from Sirs Belch and Aguecheek, companions in booze. Ben Kingsley's lugubrious Feste is a mixed dessing, too.

But despite the lurches and fissures, the film hangs together, and never tries to over-dazzle, unlike Kenneth Branagh's Shakespearean ventures. Nunn makes autumn the perfect season for the that recaptures that old New Wave sensation of life caught on the hop. Garance Clavel is a delight as the slim, pensive make-up girl who is obviously missing far more than her cat; though the film's quirky texture derives mostly from the older residents, such as Renée Lecalm's Madame Renée, who chatter, bicker, and peer in disbelief at the metal bra in a fashion boutique window.

Klapisch keeps his slender story spinning so merrily that the few directorial slip-ups loom large. Chief among them is a trite dream sequence penetrating Chloe's mind,

anniversary.

such age-old ingredients of drama as character, plot and motivation. Who is sabotaging Keanu Reeves and his chums at Chicago University as they strive to make water an energy source through a fancy process called sonoluminescence? Still, you can easily spot the rolling fireballs, exploding buildings and other diversions hurled at Reeves

and his partner, Rachel Weisz In The Fugitive, the director Andrew Davis demonstrated a surprising knack for painting a human face on to the Hollywood

television, may be just the thing to revive the brain cells. It educates. It entertains. Indeed, you might even wish the film ran a little longer. though probably no amount of extra footage could penetrate any deeper into the mystery of Nico, best known as the smoky-voiced siren of the Warhol Factory who sang with the Velvet Underground. Relatives and colleagues chart an

extraordinary life that began in Germany in 1938. Then she was called Christa Paffgen. She became a model. She appeared in La dolce vita. She joined Andy Warhol's

Helena Bonham

Carter

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salvage his dignity from the dirge. James: This is part action, part scifi thriller. It deals with none of the scientific questions it raises and becomes little more than a series of special effects. Thankfully, Morgan Freeman gives a superior performance. A B-movie wrapped in an A-movie budget.

Juhan: I thought in was too predictable. But the action is great enough to make it shamelessly entertaining. So if two hours of Keanu Reeves and grand-scale destruction of property is all you want from a film, go see this one.

"Don't miss it"

Nigel Ben Hawthorne Kingsley

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plained that I do not write about Radio 3 nearly enough. By way of mitigation I would only say that writing about the network's output would often smack of music reviewing rather than radio reviewing. By way of recompense f shall now write about Radio 3.

The Third At 50, which is a season marking the 50th anniversary of the old Third Programme, is turning out to be quite splendid. There is some nostalgia, but it is nostalgia with a point, and the season is with imaginative loaded flights.

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There were two examples his week. Sunday Feature: He and Lonis MacNeice was

a marvellous way of harking back to the days when BBC RADIO

Radio's features department in television. There are knowwas the place to work within Broadcasting House and it was proof that the BBC can ing types all over BH who reckon they know just whom still do a radio feature with wit the characters are based upon. but the effort defested me. The programme, produced They came over as composite by Louise Greenberg and precharacters, classic BBC types wonderfully played by Timo-thy Davies and Fiona Walker. sented by Colin McLareo, told the story of a broadcasting era

through the eyes of an imagi-nary couple: Christopher Taplin, a writer-producer in This mix of fact and fiction was followed by outright drama in Man and Superman. the features department, and At this point I must disappoint his wife Lucy, once Taplin's my aforementioned corresecretary and later a pioneer spondents: I am not a drama

Station of excellence Nicholas Kenyon, the Controller of Radio 3, may have critic, either. But the point about Shaw's megawork was masthead that it was the first drama transmitted by the Third Programme - on October I, 1946 - and Sunday's production was commissioned for the

The most significant common factor demonstrated by these two programmes is not that they harked back to the Third Programme. The really striking thing is that they demonstrate production values, which really means a about radio. commitment to excellence, of a level that makes those who

made some mistakes, but he has kept the quality flag at the He has also resisted absurd and mutually exclusive demands: from one side that he should be more like Ctassic FM and from the other that the rival should be ignored. Classic FM is still a small

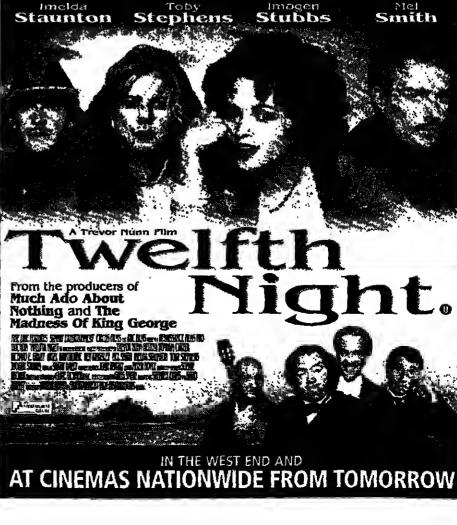
still bemoan the passing of the Third look a touch silly.

player in the market, with a budget one tenth the size of Kenyon's. The fact that Classic FM attracts more listeners is an irrelevance which says more about society than it does

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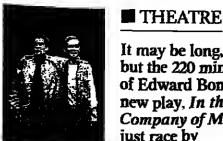
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It may be long, but the 220 minutes of Edward Bond's new play, In the Company of Men, just race by



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afterwards the Wigmore's

manager retired. The young Australian found himself run-

ning what was then perceived

as a fusty old recital hall, increasingly shunned by the

smart musical set and sliding

into a genteel but probably

That was on October 24,

1966, Thirty years later, Lyne

is still there. Mnre important-

ly. so is the Wigmore. Its

concerts are sold out for an

average of 25 nights a month.

It is the centre of an extraordi-

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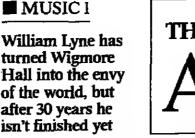
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love of music.





MUSIC 2 The Philharmonia's new principal conductor, Christoph von Dohnányi, gives London a taste of the future



Mikhail Pletnev proves himself a man of many talents, conducting ⁵ Beethoven and Mozart with the LSO

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John Light (left) and Karl Johnson as son and father

Arms, the man and his son

FIRST the seemingly bad news: Edward Bond's new play lasts 3 hours 40 minutes. But next, and quickly, the good news, that almost all the 220 minutes race by, so engrossing is the major part of the drama that Bond shapes. He weaves together two stories, both concerned with conflicts that are ancient yet modern. In one the struggle is

for ownership of Oldfields, a vastly successful manufacturbusiness; this is the world of takeovers and secret deals. The other conflict is between the

father who created the business and the son who wants a share in the running of it. To these two rivalries Bond gives extra tension by making the ambitious young man an adopted son, and specifying the company's product as armaments.

Most of the action takes place on a bare wooden dais on which are set desk or table or armchair to indicate the changing locale. In the last scene the dais heaves itself up vertically to become the rear wall of a doss-house cellar. Why Bond, who also directs, and his designer. Eryl Ellis, vary the setting here is unclear. Perhaps it is the equiva-

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lent of a musical composer's change of tone or speed before the closing bars.

In this world of human piranha fish Bond's characters are more prone to poetic imagery, rhetoric and summaries of their behaviour than would be found naturally in the carpeted boardrooms of ECI. I raise no objection to this, however, when it allows

Bond 10 create a character as fas-THEATRE cinating as the complexly sinisler Hammond In the Company (mesmerising of Men performance by David Ryall), ea-ger to add arma-**Barbican** Pit ments to his food

companies, foreseeing this to be the unbeatable combination for the 21st century. The antics of the famous gambler Wilbraham provide

another delight, marvellously played as he is by Richard Cordery. The play is a largely successful mixture of sharply worded drama and black farce, both present in the final meeting between curt father

(Karl Johnson) and enigmatie son (John Light). Finally loo enigmatic, though evidently nothing so changes one's view of the world as a failed attempt to kill dad. An exciting evening. JEREMY KINGSTON | unstuffy and unpretentious:

The Wigmore's backroom boy ack in the Sixties a young Australian who form the backbone of the

the Wigmore's atmosphere to-day is largely a reflection of his character. vear's leave

from his job with the Tonight will see the first of Australian Broadcasting Comtwo concerts celebrating his mission to visit Britain. While 30th anniversary. This one is a in London he saw a job "Director's Choice" of songs; whereas the contents of the advertisement that intrigued "William Lyne Surprise 30th him; for an assistant at the Migmore Hall. He already knew the name. "We used to get The Sunday Times in Australia, and for some rea-Anniversary Concert" on November 22 have been kept secret, especially from Lyne. How has Lyne been so son the concert announcesuccessful? First, he has excelments for the Wigmore Hall lent musical judgment. He has struck up long relationships always fascinated me." Wilwith many superb artists, He got the post. Not long

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often on little more than a hunch. Anne Sophie von Otter, now one of the world's leading mezzos, was given a Wigmore platform straight out of music college. The Takacs Quartet, the violinist Joshua Bell, the pianist Andras Schiff and the cellist Steven Isserlis feature in most seasons. "I get upset if they play chamber music anywhere else in London," Lyne says.

be characterised by one common trail only: a profound He is constantly seeking brilliant new talent. Occasionally, a newspaper arts editor For all this, Lyne is largely responsible. He alone poswill receive a "Yours, Bill": a short note from Lyne that sessed the vision and the gently recommends the disdogged determination to revive the spiril of this beautiful patching of a critic to review a virtually unknown performer. hall. Perhaps it needed an Australian to perceive what Wise arts editors do not dethe British were on the point of mur.

> An endorsement from Lyne has the same effect on the 1,200 Friends of the Wigmore,

regular audience. "I get pa-trons coming up and saying 'I've just booked tickets for so and-so on your recommendation, so he'd better be good ."

Lyne says. But his hunches are rarely wrong. Nor do his innovations often fail. The Wigmore was the first hall in London to introduce themed concert series - in 1979, with a revelatory Faure cycle. Its Sunday morning coffee concerts" and its rush hour concerts on Wednesday evenings attract audiences at a time when no other promoter would dare contemplate a concert. Lyne will inaugurate a singers' competition next September: he also wants a

composer-in-residence. But his biggest plan in-volves bricks and mortar. In the early Nineties he supervised the stunning redevelopment which left the hall itself untouched (though redecorated), but vastly increased the foyer and catering spaces. Now he has another grand scheme: to build a second Wigmore auditorium, seating 250 to 300 people, at the back of the site to provide a smaller space for students and young artists

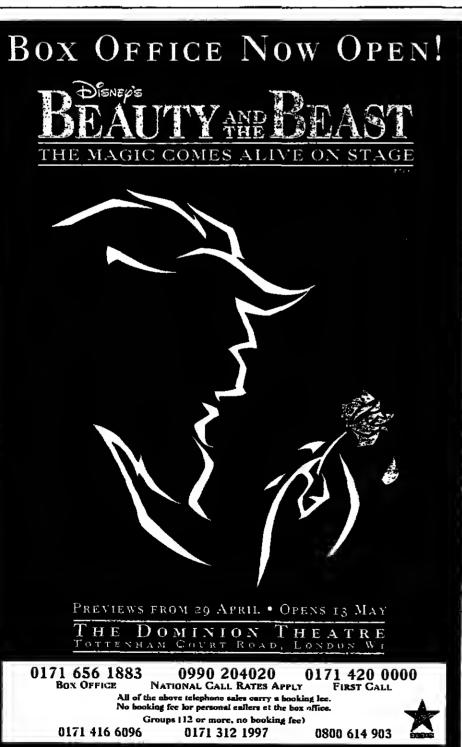
Michael Hopkins (who de signed the new Glynde-bourne) would be the architect, Lottery money would be sought, and the aim would be to build in time for the Wigmore's centenary in 2001. "But the main thing is to get a hall of the right quality, not to meet any specific dead line." Lyne says.

If it is built, it should certainly be called the William Lyne Hall. Few backroom boys have done more for the cause of British musical life.

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William Lyne: not content with the Wigmore's recent overhaul, he has expansive plans



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CONCERTS: Pletnev and Dohnányi on the podium

Master of Whirlwind ride. mischief

IT SURELY cannot be long before Mikhail Pletnev turns to theatre direction: not yet 40, he has done almost everything else. But despite his hyperactivity, Pletnev's music-making shows no signs of baton-rage. Sunday's Barbican concert with the LSO was measured in its approach to Beethoven and Mozart. Pletnev found both majesty and drollery in Beethoven's Eighth Symphony.

The characteristic Pletney mischief surfaced in the Allegretto scherzando, which seemed intent on proving the apocryphal story that the movement was a musical spoof on the newly invented metronome. The sturdy hassoon staccato was matched by the drollery of the hornplaying in the Minuet's Trio. Gravitas returned in a slow. sobre and concentrated performance of Mozart's C minor Mass. The London Symphony Chorus had been rigorous-ly trained, and their phrases, carved out in forceful consonants, were moulded by Pletnev into statuesque lines and paragraphs. Susan Gritton led the quar-

tet of soloists. She sang the Et incarnatus est with an irresistible radiance, in the company of the pastoral flute and oboe soloists. Barbara Frittoli, platinum to Gritton's silver, was the second soprano: one could hear the Fiordiligi in her, flaming its way through her fearless Laudamus te. Brian Bannatyne-Scott's hass made a brief, supportive appearance in the final Benedictus; Gwyn Hughes Jones was the refreshingly sobre, chamber-musical tenor.

HILARY FINCH

DIRECTING his first concert since the announcement on Tuesday of his appointment as principal conductor of the Philharmonia Orchestra, Christoph von Dohnanyi gave nonce at the Festival Hall of the stimulating music-making that is likely to result from the relationship.

Dohnányi's fingerprint was clear from the start in the overture to Wagner's Rienzi. It is difficult to keep vulgarity at bay in this piece, with indignity after indignity heaped on the rather splendid tune that opens it. Dohnanyi did his

best, but could not resist giving clamorous brass and clattering percussion their head. Similarly, in Tchaikovsky's

Fifth Symphony in E Minor. he played up the reediness of clarinet passages and allowed woodwinds generally to add pungent voices to the texture. Certainly it added flavour and bite to each of the movements, while the first and last in

particular had such energy and drive that one was swept along by the whirlwind. Late Romantic repertoire of this sort will surely benefit from the unique blend of passion and intellectualism that this conductor has to offer.

Bartok's Second Plano Concerto, with Garrick Ohlsson the dynamic soloist, was also given a reading with a vigorous rhythmic edge. Indeed. one sensed that the first movement was on the edge of the possible: a fraction faster and would have toppled into incoherence.

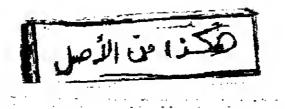
As it was, soloist and orchestra were stretched to the limit, and if certain individual phrases failed to register as a result, at least the cumulative effect was one of spiky buoyancy. The Adagio was lacking a linle in mystery, but the finale took off like a rocket and slayed airborne to the end.

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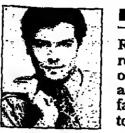
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RECORDS Roberto Alagna releases his third opera set this autumn, but it fails to live up to expectations



CHOICE 1 Janet McTeer stars as A Doll's House reaches the West End VENUE: Opens tonight

at the Playhouse

LONDON

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A DOLL'S HOUSE Lanet McTeer slams the door in Arthony Page's production of libsen's promoteminist distria. Owen Teale plant her smottering husbend, with John Carlsin as Dr Rent: Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 Physhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2

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conducts the CBSO in a programme of 20th-century music VENUE: Tonight at Symphony Hall

All a-flutter in a gilded cage

NEW ON VIDEO

THE BIRDCAGE MGM/UA. 15, 1996 MIKE NICHOLS'S revamp of La Cage aux folles was a big popular success, though to these eyes it killed the original's charm by whisking the story to South Beach. Florida, dispensing with subtlety, and sprinkling in some lopical jokes in a doomed attempt to make the material contemporary. Robin Williams seems uneasy with his role as the buttoned-down Armand: but Nathan Lane flounces with finesse and some natural warmth as his flamboyant partner. Available to rent.

NELLY & MR ARNAUD Guild World Cinema, PG. 1995

LOVERS of civilised cinema should pounce on Claude Sautet's subtle and tender study of an older man and a younger woman edging towards intimacy. He (Michel Serrault) is a redred colonial judge: she (Emmanuelle Béart) is a 25-year-old brimming with unfulfilled desires. There is no sex: just looks, hesitations and a secret caress, wonderfully conveyed by the two lead actors and a veteran director on top form.

RICHARD III PolyGram, 15, 1996

"MY KINGDOM for a horse!" lan McKellen cries as his Jeep is hit outside Battersea Power Station. This is just a sample of the jolts in store as Shakespeare is clothed in the Fascist uniforms of the 1930s and pushed onto the screen with great success by Richard Loncraine, an exuberant director with no theatrical ties. Annette

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Dresden Sonatas

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THE violinist Fabio Biondi

and his ensemble Europa

Galante have become some-

thing of a symbol of the

rebirth of Baroque perfor-



Pyjama party: Nathan Lane as Albert and Robin Williams as Armand in Mike Nichols's The Birdcage

Bening and Robert Downey Jr also feature, but get easily swamped by the Brits. Available to rent.

STRANGE DAYS

violin: his voice is delightfully

distinctive, from the plangent

abstraction of the slow move-

ments to the high-stepping

harlequinade of the alternat-

ing dance movements. There,

are no end of mercurial runs

and figurations: but it is

Biondi's quicksilver imagina-

tion which so thrillingly recreates Vivaldi's own. This

irresistible recital ends with a

little Saraband by Pisandel

himself, a graceful nod to his

CIC. 18, 1995 PREPARE for sensory overload as director Kathryn Bigelow lets rip with the latest Hollywood technology to create a teeming portrait of a nightmarish LA on the brink of the millennium. Ralph Fiennes is the squalid hero, a former cop turned black marketeer whose trafficking in

War continue to hide in their underground bunker far into Tito's reign. Kusturica hammers home the central conceit of a postwar Yugoslavia crippled by fear, propaganda and a siege mentality; and the visual imagination, by and large, suggests a third-rate

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play, The Tempest, to create what promises to be a dynamic and adventurous event. Nancy Mecklar directs this new production presented in association with the Wolsey Theatre Wolsey Theatre, Clint Drive (D1473 253725), Tue-Fin, 7.45pm, Sat, 4pm and Bpm; mai Wed, 230pm, Unit Nov 9 TODAY'S CHOICE A daily guide to arts and entertainment and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

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THEATRE GUIDE

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tether and son pair of corporate raiders in the City jungle. PII, Bathcan Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8897) Tonght-Sat, 7pm; mait today and Sat, 1.30pm, in rep.

BIRMINGHAM: In a programme tongin and Saturday, the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Todasic Ocaka performs Debuss Takemisu, Copierd and Stramely Symphony Hall, Broad Streef (0121 212 5339, Tonghi, 7,30pm, Sat, 7pm.

CANTERBURY: Final leg of the UK tout for the Romasson National Opera Tonight offers an opportunity to see Bellow's syncal work. Norma, with performancos of The Magic Fikre

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UNCLE VANYA Bill Bryden's starry Chochestrat: Frances Barber, Chochestrat: Frances Barber, Constance Cumminga, Tievor Eve, Derok Jacoba, Peggy Mount, et al Albery, St. Martin & Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mais Wed and Sat, 3pm; Unit! November 16 1950s. Gene Wilder plays Sid. Olicen's, Shelteebury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5040), Man-Set, Apm; mats Wed, 2.30pm and Set Apm AtoJO; Second chance to see the

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ORCHESTRAL refers to the exploding planet from which the infant Superman escaped. The reworking of the medieval Dies irae chant as a tango (Superman's fight to the death with Doomsday) is a typical Daugherty conceit, skilfully carried off. Bizarro, a spin-off from the Superman project, is closer to the worlds of big-band jazz and rock. The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and David Zimman, who add this disc to an impressive continuing series of Americana on Decca's "progressive" label, Argo, are more than equal to the task. * Worth hearing ** Worth considering

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lis Symphony: in fact, the work was inspired by the fiftieth anniversary of the comic-strip hero's first appearance. Each of the five movements of the symphony investigates a different aspect of the Super-

man myth: the whistles and fiendish chase music of Lex, for example, invoke the villain Lex Luthor, while Krypton

NEW CLASSICAL CDs: Vivaldi in Dresden; Alagna as Hoffmann; Daugherty as Superman been dropped as unauthentic.

UNDERGROUND Artificial Eye, 15, 1995 EMIR KUSTURICA'S comedy epic about the Balkans, winner of the top prize at Cannes, starts off in splendid surreal style with German bombs

virtual reality brings him up against rape, murder and police brutality. As spectacle the film is often amazing. though the story and characters leave much to be desired, and Bigelow is not above playing the voyeur while violence runs rampant. Available to rent.

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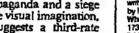
they did not squabble about

versions but played what sounded right in the theatre.

Barry Millington

Fellini movie.

raining down during feeding time at Belgrade's 200. But the director's flamboyance soon gets wearing as the deluded partisans of the Second World



Vivaldi Four Seasons and recent Corelli Concerti Grossi is not likely to forget them in a hurry. Now, thanks to the sharp-eyed record company Opus III, who took Biondi up in the first place, there is an exciting new recording of Vivaldi's Dresden Sonatas - so called because the violinist Dresden Court Orchestra, visited Italy, persuaded Vivaldi to make over the autograph score to him, and returned to Dresden to start a Vivaldi cult. Biondi is the Ariel of the

mance in Italy: anyone who. Venetian friend and mentor walters, but Hoffmann perds ... DAUGHERTY **CALE OPERA** John Higgins **OFFENBACH** Les Contes d'Hoffmann; Dessay/Sumi Jo/Vaduva/ Alagna/van Dam/Lyons Opera Orchestra/Nagano Erato 0630 14330-2 (3 CDs)** THIS is Roberto Alagna's third opera set this autumn. Alas, his Offenbach is not up to Don Carlos or Rodolfo in Boheme. For both of those he had plenty of stage prepara-

ime to oreathe .There are, though, plenty of worthwhile surrounding contributions, starting with Jose van Dam's four villains, each neatly spiced with a different brand of malice. Leontina Vaduva's Antonia is equally classy and she alone manages to slow down Nagano. Natalic Dessay is precise as Olympia, for a long time Sumi Jo's role. She has now moved on, rather less happily, to Giulietta. A new performing edition by Michael Kaye is used, which means that Dapertutto's Scintille, diamont has

tion and the guiding hand of

Alagna's Hoffmann has its

moments, but too much of the

singing is almost casual and

too much is strident. As a

doomed lover he can certainly turn on the power, but Hoff-

mann was a poet and a dreamer as well. Kent Nagano

takes a similarly brash ap-

proach to the score. The bright

orchestral sound works well

enough for the marches and

conductor Antonio Pappano.

Metropolis S Bizarro Baltimore Symphony Orchestra/Zinman Argo 452 103-2+++ TITLES such as Le tombeau de Liberace and Dead Elvis are evidence of, at the very least, an ability to catch the ear. But Michael Daugherty is also rapidly acquiring a reputation as a chronicler of popular contemporary American culture. If icons such as Liberace and Elvis carry just a whiff of nostalgia, then so too does the invocation of Superman in Daugherty's Metropo-

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THE TIMES THURSDAY OCTOBER 24 1996

Carrying on with a white man in Africa

he story opens in Poto-Poto, a poor quarter of Brazzaville in Africa, when the smiling féticheuse reads their fortunes from cowrie shells.

"I hope to go on a great journey through the far northern forests," says Redmond O'Hanlon, the leader of the expedition, "by dug-out to the headwa-ters of the Motaba where we'll abandon the boats, walk east through the swamp jungle and across the watershed to the Ibenga ... and then, if we're lucky. paddle down to the Likouala-aux-Herbes and walk to the hidden lake. Lake Tèlé, where Mokélé-mbembe, the Congo dinosaur, is said to live."

"No! No! No!" protests the feticheuse, Then you will die."

Of course, far from dying, O'Hanlon completes his excruciating six-month journey in triumph, and has spent the last five years slaving away at this brilliant, hilarious, self-intoxicated book. Some critics have compared O'Hanlon's travel writing to Evelyn Waugh's. But there is no comparison. Waugh was a fastidious writer, frugal

Body-fungus and sweat-terrorism: Thomas Pakenham navigates the story of an African river expedition, through waters of snapping crocodiles, in search of long-forgotten dinosaurs

CONGO JOURNEY By Redmond O'Hanion Hamish Hamilton, EIS ISBN 0 241 12768 8

with words, careful to keep his wit dry; if he was intoxicated, it was not with himself. O'Hanlon lets everything hang out when he goes up river. Words splash down him relentlessly. He evacuates his mind onto the page. In the tradidonal travel book, the

author keeps a firm grip on the narrative; dialogue is brief and to the point. Most of this book is in dialogue, and it is often hard to follow the track of the expedition. Did 1 misread their maps, or did they misread their maps? They seem to be going round in circles. But perhaps it doesn't matter. In the swamp jungle one mud-hut is as good as another. But

whatever happened to Mokélé-mbembe, the dinosaur they were supposed to be searching for? That, too, seems to be forgotten. On goes the dialogue, flowing like old man Congo, until their paddlers bring them safely back to Brazzaville, with their kitbags, a goat, a baby gorilla and two crocodiles.

To be fair to O'Hanlon he is not too happy about the crocodiles. These are the

special interest of the Congolese partner in the expedition, Marcellin Agnagna. In Marcellin, O'Hanlon has created a splendid, predatory central figure. He is the chef de service of the Department of Fauna Preservation in the People's Republic of the Congo, the product of a French lycee and a college in Cuba.



O'Hanlon: lavish

diles. To extract more money to pay for women and crocodiles, he plays on the white men's terrors of the jungle. (You'll be attacked by bees. There'll be leopards round the camp at night. You'll get ulcers on your legs. You'll develop body fungus. You must take care with vipers and cobras.") When these terrors pall, he plays the fetish card.

to some extent he has fooled

O'Hanlon himself. The dino-

saur, an African Nessie,

gives Marcellin and his hangers on a good living.

He can combine a career as travel guide (and womaniser, for he has a girl

in every port on the river) with field research for his

uncompleted thesis on croco-

Finally, when O'Hanlon runs out of cash, Marcellin has invented the Marcellin asks for a recommendation for myth of the Congo dinosaur an academic post at Oxford. to fool Jananese tourists, and

The other central figure in the story. apart from the irrepressible O'Hanlon himself, is Dr Lary Shaffer, a harddrinking, hard-swearing American aca-demic. My suspicion that he had been supplied by Central Casting was conspirit was broken by the horrors of life in the swamp jungle. "Jesus," said Lary. "That was the worst"

night of my whole life." Yeah! How did it rate ...

"I was sweat-terrorised. Stomachturning fear shitstruck. I'd gladly sleep with my head down a toilet then go through that again ... And you, you fat bastard, you just went off to sleep" Commendably, Lary stays in the story, his face crinkled with terror, till page 277,

when he is allowed to fly back home ... month by Weidenfeld & Nicolson.

(Shaffer, you're going home. You've done your stint. You've kept your word. 7 ·· At its best the book is a tour de force. No one is better than O'Hanlon at conveying the awful monotony of Central African life — the squelch of mud and the tang of rotting fruit -- contrasted with the beauty of its birds and animals. At its worst this is Carry-on-up-the-Congo with every crack a wisecrack.

1 felt sorry for the Africans (Marcellin cepted) who accompanied O'Hanlon. To have to laugh at the white man's jokes, as well as carrying his bed and his cooking pot, must have been a work of supererogation. And it must have been worst of all for the baby gorilla. This was an unfortunate orphan which O'Hanlon insisted on adopting, when frustrated at the failure of the dinosaur to break surface. Most of the time, he tells us, the gorilla whimpered. Sometimes it groaned. That must have been when. O'Hanion was making a joke.

Thomas Pakenham's Meetings with Remarkable Trees is published this

The profane put in place of the sacred

usic was the foundation of the Greek curriculum the subject that addressed both mind and body, and which schooled the youth in virtue and vice. Taste in music, Plato argued, affects the very roots of social order, and it is imperative not merely to understand what young people enjoy, but also to control it.

Modern societies have followed Plato's advice only in circumstances of extreme oppression, such as prevailed under Stalin, Mao or Khomeini. But Western universities have been wary of the spontaneous products of popular culture, and confined the academic study of music to the classical tradition, in which a silent audience listens to extended musical structures in an attitude of reverence.

The assumption has been that we teach classical music because it requires disciplined study, Expertise in pop, on the other hand, can be acquired by osmosis. Moreover, the classical tradition is composed of works which are more meaningful, more sublime, than the products of popular culture, and while it does not matter very much if a musical person goes to the grave without hearing AC/DC or Nirvana, it would be a tragedy if he ended his life without knowing Mozart.

The assumptions behind this academic approach are now being called in question. Foremost among the questioners is Simon Frith. who is not only a lover of pop, but also a crusader on its behalf. Frith wishes to persuade his readership that

liams, and constructed around Marxist agenda. As a branch of sociology, cultural studies looks on each cultural "commodity" in terms of its ideological import, and is reluctant to distinguish the good from the bad lest it be accused of endorsing the elitist aspirations of a ruling class, Indeed, Pierre Bourdieu, in his influential book Distinction, has argued that the very idea of aesthetic value is an offshoot of bourgeois society, and has no more objectivity than the transient historical condition that it

Roger Scruton

serves to fortify.

PERFORMING RITES By Simon Frith OUP, £18.99 ISBN 0 198163220

Frith. having louched on Bourdieu's argument, veers away from it, commendably aware that, without the idea of aesthetic value, we could never justify the pop scene to its critics. Nevertheless, he constantly postpones the aesthetic question - the question which troubled Plato, and which caused question him to ban the contemporary equivalent of heavy metal from his ideal republic. Instead he litters his text with quotations, creating the impression that pop music should be taken seriously since all kinds of second-rate academics have written

about it in a pedantic way. In his previous work. Sound Effects. Frith had illuminating things to say about the sociology of

musical expertise. For Frith the Fan is a distinct sociological type, who has discovered, in the wastes of modern society, a new form of membership, through which to recuperate the experience of belonging in conditions of impassable solitude. I think we are both right. And I find much food for thought in

Frith's observations. The trouble with Performing Rites is that it never advances beyond a statement of the problem. Just how are we to distinguish good pop from bad? Any answer would involve philosophical principles, detailed criticism and musical analysis. All three are absent from Frith's discussion. It is surely not difficult to establish the superiority of Cole Porter over R.E.M.; one only has to look at the incompetent voice-leading in Losing My Religion, the misunderstanding of chord relations, and the inability to develop a melodic line in which the phrases lead into one another with genuine musical need.

But, once you look at modern popular music in that way, you will come to see how gross, tasteless and sentimental it mostly is, and how far it is from our tradition of meditative polyphony. You will begin to see why it is that musicology still concentrates on the classical repertoire, and continues to ignore the daily diet of modern youth.

suspect that Frith has an ideological aversion to criti-cism of that kind. After all, R.E.M. is the focus of an important cult, and many members of that cult are likely to turn up as Frith's



there is as real a distinction between good and bad pop, as between good and bad anything else, and that the music of the Pet Shop Boys repays study in the same way as the music of Mozart.

Frith's background is in "cultural studies", a discipline founded by the followers of Raymond Wil-

pop. and in particular about the Fan. From my own fogeyish perspective, the pop fan is someone in the grip of idolatry, who has focused his undisciplined religious urges on a mere human being, and endowed his idol with sacred attributes that have little to do with

students, eager to spend their time at university listening to the trasb that they could equally have heard elsewhere. Like Frith, I believe that universities must teach the difference between good and bad taste. Unlike Frith, I doubt that a study of pop music could explain what the difference is.

Michael Stipe (front) of R.E.M. sings of Losing My Religion, but the band itself has become a focus of cult-like devotion

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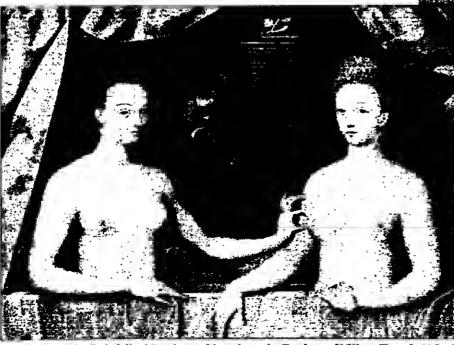
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A abriel Josipovici is the J new visiting professor of comparative literature at Oxford and anyone wondering what "comparative literature" actually entails might well turn to his new book for some idea. A spree of cross-reference, Touch discusses Sophocles's Oedipus at Colonus in the light of Charlie Chaplin's City Lights and compares the counterpoint of concentration and relaxation in Virgil and Milton with that demanded by the practice of Aikido. Josipovici moves with spry fleetness from Proust to Oliver Sacks, from cigarettes to Danie's story of Paolo and Francesca, from the still lives of Chardin to Hoad's demolition of Ashley Cooper in the

1957 Wimbledon final. Touch is not a cultural history of touch. There is no mention of Midas, nor the slightest glance up to the Sistine Chapel's finger-to-finger. What underlies all the allusions is Josipovici's conviction that touch is our forgotten faculty. When seeing, he sug-





Delicate touch: Gabrielle d'Estrées and her sister the Duchess of Villars (French, 16th c.)

gests, we are merely spectators, but touch makes us participators. Touch restores our sense of natural reciprocity with the world": we look out in isolation: touching engages us with everything outside. But Josipovici is not con-

cerned with developing these el". Josipovici is gracious in apprehensions into an arguhis foregrounding of the work ment. What he gives us inof others, whether it be Walter stead is a series of elegant Benjamin's idea of the "aura" improvisations inspired by his of the work of art, Peter theme. His short chapters Brown's research into the cult with their resonant titles ("The of saints, or the film theory of Girdle and the River". "The Stanley Cavell. This book is Therapy of Distance") are warmed by snapshots from loose vignettes of interpreta-Josipovici's own experience: tion, taking in such topics as his childhood in Egypt; his the mirror in van Eyck's love of swimming; his insis-Arnolfini portrait, medieval tence, on arriving in Los pilgrimage and the intutitive Angeles, that he be taken to the

sea so that he could dip his sense of our own bodies known as "proprioception". hand into the Pacific. This seam of autobiography and the book's blithe temper help As criticism, Touch falls into the playful mode of Barthes and Kundera. Its highbrow informality likes the short-Josipovici to avoid the note of oracular hauteur to which hand of "Proust's A la recher-George Steiner's comparable che" or "Rabelais' Pantagruwork is prone.

ut Touch is at the same B time a frustrating book. Its brief interpretations (such as its remarks on John Donne's Hymn to God the Father, a poem whose relevance to the theme is at best tangential) can be vague and superficial . Despite its engaging intelligence, you reach the end feeling that the ideas in Touch have not been grasped. just touched upon.

Friends revisited MALICIOUS, witty, sometimes affectionate, mercilessly teasing each other. Nancy Mitford and Evelyn Waugh corresponded for 20 years until his death. Having both sides more than doubles the fun of these letters. They began to write regularly when she went to live in France. In 1945 Nancy told everyone she had voted Labour, and Evelyn pretended to mostly well-known, so that the

think she alone was responsible for the grey and dreary England of the late Forties. At the end of the war he had written Brideshead Revisited; it made a lot of money which was snatched away from him by the tax gatherer. Rations became smaller. It was all her fault, and then she deserted the country she had ruined. The War itself had been a Duff Cooper at Chantilly, and disillusion. He had wished to look opon it as a crusade, but it ended with half Europe ruled by godless communists, while France and Italy seethed with barely hidden civil war. cult to deal with, and their friendship was really based on Nancy was on the crest of the letters. They made each the wave. She was in love with a Frenchman, "the Colonel," the shadows were light. All the and she too had written a best-seller. The Pursuit of Love, so same, they lengthened: Nan-cy's love affair did not prosper, that she was rich enough to follow him to Paris. Her Church under threat. marriage to Peter Rodd was on the rocks. She pretended to THE ADVENT of Pope John

be living in a land flowing XXIII was a sorrow to Evelyn. with cream and caviare, and The reforms of the Vatican shut her eyes to the shortages of Liberation. Evelyn rebuked Council knocked him flat. He was only 62, and he dreaded her for saying "Heavenly 1948", the blackest year in the possibility of having to live with these reforms another 20 world history since 1793, acyears. Strangely enough, his desperately sad last letters, in cording to him. The Colonel was as slippery as an eel, but March 1966, were to me. I had she shut her eyes to that too. It asked him a question. He is all so long ago that shafts of wrote: There is nowhere. I want to go, nothing I want to bitter humour, once deleted for fear of libel, can nowillumine the scene. The actors are all dead. Both writers were wildly funny, and the result is an-

do." He died on Easter Day 1966, The letters are impeccably edited by Charlotte Mosley, an expert on the period and its irresistible book. The victims fauna; she has cleverly solved of their unkind jokes are every puzzle.

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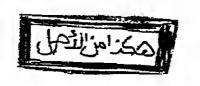
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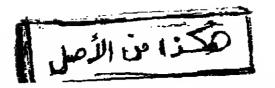
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Norman Lamont assesses an account of our postwar Chancellors and finds its pessimism not entirely justified

Very taxing next-door neighbours politics over prudence, rightly condemned in other Chancel-

t is surprising that there has never been a book before about Chancellors of the Exchequer. After all, there have been single volumes on the lives and careers of the Speakers, and the Lord Chancellors. So it is a good idea. Or is it?

What struck me is how sharply different the problems facing each Chancellor have been. Dalton's problems with the American Loan, or Butler's problems with ending war-time controls are light years away from today's issues. Edmund Dell purports to see

running through all these postwar years a common thread of continuing economic decline accelerated by errors of policy. I wonder.

Dell invests far too much belief in something called "economic management" -- a concept that often gives rise to inelegant and inappropriate comparisons between the responsibility for the nation's finances and driving a car. Sometimes it is called "steering the economy". But manipulating exchange or inter-est rates cannot in the long run make a country more productive or more hard-working. Competitiveness is the product of attitudes and cultures. There are policies that may increase competitiveness but they are to do with labour markets and competition policy. They are not dials on a screen in the Treasury. The author overestimates the powster of single individuals to affect long-term trends. Dell assesses the suitability

for office and the record of each postwar Chancellor. Much of the book is about the

relacionship between occu-pants of No t0 and No II. Few postwar Chancellors have enjoyed unambiguous support from the Prime Minister. And yet without that the job be-comes markedly difficult. This is a magisterial volume

written by a man who might have been an outstanding Labour Chancellor. Dell spares no one. Stafford Cripps was not austere enough. Selwyn Lloyd was not up to the job. Even the bubble of Roy Jenkins is rightly pricked.

THE CHANCELLORS By Edmund Dell HarperCollins, 525 ISBN 0 00 255558 1

Jenkins was the beneficiary of the Callaghan devaluation. But he was slow to take the measures to make that devaluation work, and subsequently chose to blame his officials rather than himself. Far from being a prudent Chancellor he left a legacy of rising inflation although the next Conservative Government made things even worse. Edward Heath is. rightly dismissed as a man whose performance in office defies rational explanation". The most interesting part of the book is that dealing with Healey's Chancellorship. The account of why the Labour Government decided not to join the ERM at its beginning should be read by everyone interested in today's debate on

European monetary union. Here the author is writing of events in which he participated. He is a little too generous to his boss. The triumph of

The Budget of 1975 is hailed as the turning point in postwar economic history: the battle against inflation took precedence over unemployment. But did Healey have any choice once inflation had reached 25 per cent? It was hardly heroic to direct attention belatedly to a problem threatening to get out of control. But Edmund Dell is not partisan. The Chancellor he most admires is Howe ("Not a traitor, merely one of the most honest men in politics driven to the end of his tether.") Dell

lors, is simply accepted as unavoidable in Healey's case.

is every bit as withering as Margaret Thatcher about the Conservative webs. Dell's analysis of the Lawson years inevitably lacks inside knowledge but makes up for that in its sharpness. He underestimates Mrs Thatcher's understanding of economics. Dell is inclined to dismiss her views as "instincts". But even he has to concede that her "instincts" were often right. Dell does not believe in monetarism and certainly not in "exchange rate monetar-ism". So Lawson is given

rather too much of the lash. Dell catalogues his attempts to find an economic lodestar or rules of management that would lessen discretion in policy. This he describes as dogmatism at its worst". Dell rightly says "any Chan-cellor needs humility". But one

should not confuse public presentation of policy with the inner man. In my experience Nigel Lawson was all too well



Not the only Chancellor to come in for a hard ride. Sir Stafford Cripps in a Daily Mirror cartoon from the 1940s

aware of what might go wrong: the unexpected event and the fallibility of forecasts. it was because he was so well aware of the uncertainty of the future that he never stopped searching for impartial rules for policy. This was not dogonwards," matism, rather the opposite.

Dell concedes that Lawson was the most technically quali-

"Like Troy or Agincourt its single fame/ Will be the gar-

land for our brow, our claim./

On us a fleck of glory to the

end:/ And there our dead will

Baker's fascinating tour of

keep their holy ground."

fied of all the Chancellors since 1945. In the end he is fair: The probability must be that any Chancellor would have been caught out by the particu-lar group of circumstances that confronted him from 1986

This is a fine book, I have one reservation. It is rare for me to find someone more

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pessimistic than myself. But Dell is too pessimistic. He concludes that little has got better. I believe that in the end the 1980s will be seen as a period when there were real competitive improvements in is a real gain. the UK economy. However, i

is still early days. The jury is still out. But what is clear is that the consensus on econom-

Souring the milk

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Bel Mooney

ic policy has changed dramatically. Mrs Thatcher has changed the Labour Party. There is a much wider acceptance in all political parties of the need to fight inflation. That

The Rt Hon Norman Lamont, MP, was Chancellor of the Exchequer 1990-93.

Island voices sing

BOOKS 41

EARL LOVELACE'S previous novels have as their central concern the difficulty of achieving "self pride" and personhood" in the context of a community destablised by race, class and gender con-flicts. Salt is no different. It presents a Trinidad fractured by competing ethnic groups: an island oppressed by white colonists and betrayed by its post-independence political leaders. Its two main charac-ters, Alford George, school-teacher turned politician, and Bango, a black peasant, struggle to escape the entrapments of history. Lovelace explores major post-colonial concerns; the debasement of the psyche because of slavery; the inheritance of ethnic strife (white versus black compounded by the arrival of brown and yellow Asian immigrants to Trinidad in the 19th century) which undermines the rheloric of nationhood, the neglect of the black underclass by the black political elite.

David Dabydeen

SALT By Earl Lovelace Faber, £15.99 ISBN 0 571 17849 9

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So, Sait is destined for the machinery of academia, what with its seemingly accessible ideological content. It will grieve me, however, to see this amazingly vivid and joyous novel gutted and presented in slabs of dead scholarship. For what is breathtaking about Salt is Lovelace's pure delight in making changes and mak-ing languages. The novel teems with characters so improbable that they could only have come from real life. We are introduced to a cast of dozens over three centuries, all trying to tell his or her own story, and Lovelace has the generosity to allow each a space. He has the ability to craft them all into a deeply satisfying whole, for the novel is remarkable for its measured sprawl. Lovelace is an anthropologist, historian, fabulist and griot of his community. Or else a unique record of rum shop voices, for in the West Indies you only encounter such a variety of people, each wit, bizarre and heartrending

stories, in an institution such matter, were not one to have a as the rum shop. residual faith that Fay Weldon



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in song

K enneth Baker has great gifts in the art of anthology compiling. He is on a par with Palgrave and who would Quiller-Couch, who would have been proud to have contrived this collection. Most-Whis chosen poets are Eng-lish-speaking but there is a fine scattering of Spanish. Portuguese, Italians, French, Japanese, Chinese, Ancient Greeks and Romans. His scholarship and hard work on research are immense. It is amazing how he dug out Peter Woodhouse, noted only as the author of The Flea. Uncanny Woodhouse wrote in 1605: "1 see a Soldier's service is forgot./ In time of peace the world regards us not."

Did Kipling read it, or was it in his subconscious? "I went into a public-'ouse to get a pint o beer / The publican 'e up an' sez, We serve no red-coats here ... / But it's Thin red line of 'erces' when the drums begin to roll -

That war is horrible for women is strikingly displayed by an anonymous Irish poet of the 10th or 11th century. A soldier who alone kept at bay hundreds of the enemy "in an ingle of hard rock" had no stod for 30 days, nor had the noble wife at his side. He tells her to leave and find "some fine fitting man" from among

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It has all her scintillating clarity, that absolutism of purpose and lightness of touch that make lesser novelists look hopelessly muddled and encumbered' David Sexton, SUNDAY TELEGRAPH

She writes with such clan and insouciance that she can make the unbelievable seem normal, the mad seem sane. Her wit is desen dry She is a source of constant delight." Alan Taylor, Scotstan

What delights principally is the tone of voice - so erwiably assured, such a distinct signature. William Boyd, INDERNDENT

Constable

The faces of war: Pinelli's engraving of Horatius on the bridge above the Tiber (1886)

his enemies. Scornfully she refuses, choosing to stay with her man, come what may That takes us straight to an old favourite, Macaulay's Horatius: "And when above the surges/ They saw his crest appear/ All Rome sent forth a rapturous cry./ And even the

ranks of Tuscany/ Could scarce forbear to cheer." There is much, apart from the wide selection of patriotic glorification of war, on the apparent pointlessness of it. Robert Southey's The Battle of Blenheim: "And everybody praised the Duke/ Who this great fight did win.'/ 'But what good came of it at last? / Quoth little Peterkin / 'Why that I cannot tell.' said he/ 'But twas a famous victory."

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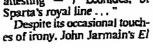
war poetry has its humour, unnecessary Great War is sung by poets like Siegfried Sassoon or Wilfred Owen. who wrote: "Some cheered

him home, but not as crowds cheer GoaL/ Only a solemn man who brought him fruits/ Thanked him; and then inquired about his soul." I knew Alun Lewis. We once shared a girlfriend. Often I with no balls at all." have dwelt on the sadness of

the death at 29 in Burma of this talented poet of fine, unfulfilled promise. He gave the impression that he expect-ed to die, unlike most of us

which I have only one mild disagreement. "Wars are buoyed up by youth's vigour into a sense of immortality. caused by the failure of politi-Alun's gloom is indicated in a quote from The Jungle: "Grey cians . . . it has been estimated monkeys gibber, ignorant and that in this century alone over wise./ We are the ghosts and they the denizens;/ We are like 108 million people, military and civilians, have died as a result of war." Wars, like them anonymous, unknown,/ disease, are caused in part by nature as a means of dealing Avoiding what is human, near,/ Skirting the villages. with overpopulation and by

the paddy fields ... " Second World War poets long-stored batreds between tended to be more robust. This different groups of human beings, as well as by the desire time all felt it was a necessary war fought under first-class for conquest. Always on the ball, the editor has included commanders. So were the up-to-date verses by Richard wars of Athens, the first democracy, fighting against dic-tators though they needed Heller, The Minister has all his notes in place: "While monarchical Spartan help to Serbian artillery take aim, Decide which new civilians defeat the Persians. This is they should maim./ He fills translated from the Greek poet, Simonides: "The ground the Chamber high with empty is holy; here the brave are talk / And here's another child will never walk./ The opposiresting / And here Greek hontion make synthetic rant;/ He answers with the Foreign Ofour keeps her chosen shrine.1 Here too is one the worth of all fice cant./ Some random shrapnel takes a boy's right attesting - / Leonides, of eye:/ The other one is all he



needs to cry."

subject of infidelity; nevertheless, Fay Weldon would not be herself if she did not provide one or two small surprises in her narrative. Alexandra Ludd (famous actress) is married to Ned Ludd (famous theatre critic) who dies of a heart attack. leaving his widow to discover not just one major infidelity but many minor screws. Nothing is as she thought it would be, not even the roof over her head. Although the outcome is not hard to guess. Fay Weldon's tale proceeds at a page-turning pace towards the final act of destruction. In the novel she sets up polar opposites: "best-wishing" and "worst fears" - the Alamein is in the same spirit

one flinging open the windows of acceptance and forgiveness, the other kicking in doors of the darkest rooms. Maybe this works in criticism too. I bestwish Fay Weldon for many things in this, her 21st novel. There is the economy of the prose, the verve, and wit in the



truest sense of the word. beyond jokes. The familiar short paragraphs are allowed occasionally to expand, so that one can take a breath rather than just puff. Fay Weldon has also the nerve to move swiftly from her habitual terse acidity to breathtaking observations: That was why you grieved for the dead, because they could no longer be part of the exhilaration of renewal." Her admirers will not be disappointed, and will certainly find much more for which to bestwish this most prolific of novelists.

SATUBDAY BOOKS

Laughter and tears: Elisabeth Luard on the life and times of Peter Cook

Do Yew or do Yew not? --- Paul Barker on James Bartholomew's upwardly mobile gardening

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WORST FEARS By Fay Weldon Flamingo, £16.99 ISBN 0 00 223920 5

Yet there are worst fears too. Fay Weldon satirises psychobabble, sexual obsession, lumpen countryfolk, thespian vanity, the pretensions of undertakers and lawyers, greed, "caring", stupid dogs who do not know the meaning of loyalty (no more than do children), well-meaning liberal teachers ... nothing is sacred. No character escapes; even minor ones like Alexandra's mother and small son are unloveable, are even (in their tiny ways) monstrous. The odd and irritating man-nerism of needlessly explaining pronouns (so: "Sam remarked that she, Alexandra, was a hard bitch", and "Over the table was her, Alexandra's, best lace tablecloth") oddly makes the reader as much a victim of satire as the character: a jeering poke in the ribs which asks, "Are you sure you

- and maybe you, dear read-

The worst fear is that the

grieving for. And not know-

ing, and never being able to

know, there was no 'her' at all ... She was something elusive.

a conjurer's effect, produced

by the trickery of someone, for

This is great stuff. But the point is, Fay Weldon herself is

the conjurer, reducing the (admittedly fallible) woman at

the heart of the narrative to an

automaton. Alexandra, and all

the other stereotypical charac-

ters, do not exist in any

universe other than that of the

pantomime or puppet show.

Yes, the entertainment is not in question. It would not

the entertainment of others."

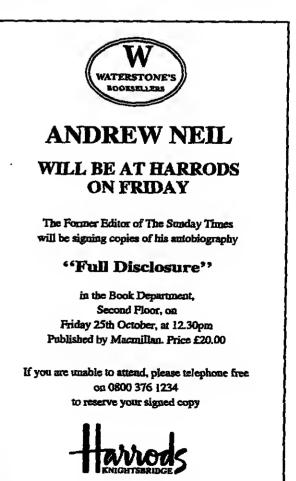
laughs are too easy.

That is how it was - in (say) Praxis or The President's Child. The trouble is, the other point of satire is to punish, without mercy. This view of life hates most people, or at least despises them. It enforces stereotypes, because some chinks of complexity might throw light into the darkest of rooms where the worst fears fester. It goes for slickness and stereotypes because the pain inherent in these fictional constructs cannot be borne. I admired the novel when I thought Fay Weldon was struggling as to which had mastery: amusement or contempt. I like it when her fiction

left room for optimism, and did not seem to play so easily to the reviewers' lazy clichés: "Wickedly funny" etc. There will be plenty of those. But hang on - maybe nothing wicked is funny. Maybe some

wishes, by her satire, to heal. AS TO Lovelace's language, he is in a world of his own. He starts a sentence, then allows it its own joyous life, so that the words tumble out, the clauses bleed into each other; the sentence recovers, recoils, then ends abruptly. Or else a sentence starts and meanders backwards to locate its beginning. It is a carnival of Creole sounds, and this is the deepest ideology of the novel, the display of the power of West Indian speech, the emancipa-tion of the West Indian tongue from the shackles of the English sentence.

Finally, however much the characters fail to achieve selffulfilment, they are ultimately redeemed by the power of narrative love. It is Lovelace's love for his characters which lights up the novel; the act of writing lovingly is the novel-ist's way of consoling his community. Salt achieves this movingly and brilliantly.



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Singspiel and Pilsudski (Turf) both ambled round the 618 (15) 619 (14) 620 (11) 621 (10) 622 (8) 623 (13) Breeders' Cup runners return from a workout at Woodbine racecourse yesterday workouts that so compro-mised the likes of Lochsong. Iktamal will have to cope with "We were a bit apprehen-sive about the journey because turf course, while Dushyantor plenty of kickback if he is to looked on good terms with emulate Sheikh Albadou's Iktamal can be a bit funny," said Terry Winnington, Dun-Doubtless the tempo will gathhimself when exercising in a er pace in the next 24 hours. Sprint victory five years ago. similar vein. Shantou (Turf) 1995: FLY TIP 8-9 M Hills (11-1) B Hills 20 ran lop's travelling head lad, "but And Tamayaz's remote prosbut there is no denying Britwas sprightly on the dirt track pects of upsetting Cigar in the Classic waned further when FORM FOCUS he ate and drank well on the ain's team has bedded down despite never leaving his poflight. He has been comfortcomfortably. ny's side for the second consec-DEAD Albs 7%1 Sift of 1D to Crystal Hearted in making at Warneck (71, good to firm). E-MAIL 181 8its to Katel in contitions race at Ascot (71, good) with PURCHASING POWER 61 11th FLYING THATCH 161 18th of 22 to Baland Ataska in malifor at Newmarke (61, good). MUSHARAK Shi 4th of 7 to Dances With Dreams in miscien at Ascot (61, he was allocated stall 14. on The draw for stalls positutive morning. able on the dirt, which he the wide outside. ions, which has prompted much head-scratching at pre-By far the most active was appreciated more than the all-In the Mile, Mark Of Es-Iktamal. who completed two swinging canters, each of five weather surface at Lingfield." vious Breeders' Cups, yesterteem should not be unduly, This greatly reduced exer-1995: BARREL OF HOPE 3-9-0 0 Swaeney (7-1) J Eye 27 ran compromised from stall 11; furlongs, in preparation for the Sprint. The Ed Dunlopcise pattern comes in stark contrast to the Churchill day made no impact on Britain's winning prospects. Perhaps the most inconvenany draw bias will not be as FORM FOCUS trained colt is also scheduled pronounced as in previous Downs experience two years BARREL OF HOPE about 6%1 dith of 22 to Samock Valley in handicap of Horitoch 961, soft) on perula-male start. 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And Next best: Desert Story (3.10 Newbury) in the \$2 million Turf, the NOTTINGHAM draw will almost certainly prove less influential than a THUNDERER prominent early position. 2.40 VOCAFONE GROUP HANDICAP BBC2 2.00 Walk The Beat. 2.30 King Curan, 3.00 Midnight Watch, 3.30 Kazimiera, 4.00 Sea Victor, 4.30 Dato Star, 5.00 Supreme Sound, 5.30 High On Life, The 12-furlong turf course is more akin to those in Europe (£6,154: 2m) (14 nunners) but its configuration is far from straightforward. The GOING GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS first 4's furlongs embraces two turns, while the back straight, although four fur-DRAW 5F. HIGH NUMBERS BEST longs in length, is less well 2.00 KEGWORTH STAKES (£2,381: 51 13yd) (17) 4.00 WOODBOROUGH HANDICAP drained, Horses making (£4,305: 2m 9yd) (15) ground here are likely to pay a orice.

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can brush aside rivals NEWBURY BBC2 2.40: Disappointing types and hurdlers having a pipe-

Ginger Fox

Long handicap: Mull House 7-2, Sinka 5-E. BETTING: 3-1 Gioger Fox, 4-1 Upper Gallery, 5-1 Section, 7-1 Sea Freedom, 8-1 Strong Danner, 10-1 Peak Venaura, Bowchite Court, 12-1 others. 1995: EN VANCANCES 3-7-12 T Scale (15-7! & Tosar *1 ter) FORM FOCUS

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dazzling young centre-fielder,

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When he came up to bat in the

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ael, the Braves reliever, over the right-field fence for a two-

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The Yankees relievers took

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Britain look to Goulding for hope in adversity

---- FROM CHRISTOPHER IRVINE IN PALMERSTON NORTH

ADVERSITY can inspire and it will need to here tomorrow. Great Britain are 1-0 down to New Zealand in the threematch series yet keep their optimism stoically intact, de-spite the squad being trimmed to the bone by injury and the decision to send nine more players home early to save costs.

A reduced squad leaves Phil Larder, the Britain coach, with little room for manoeuvre in the two remaining internationals. Sticking plaster is all that is holding several players together and an elbow infection means that Tony Smith is out until the final match at Christchurch. Worryingly, it leaves no cover at scrum half for Bobbie Goulding, as if the burden of being the one player who can genuinely inspire Britain were not enough.

There was predictable disquiet among a party that had prided itself on togetherness at the Rugby Football League's move, in keeping with an



Larder: still confident

earlier dismissal of six of its staff in Leeds, to withdraw the bulk of the midweek side without notice. The decision is not an entirely inappropriate one, but it should have been taken before the party left last month. One or two players might yet be recalled, but how . accommodating they would be after such shoddy freatment is uncertain.

Larder said: "We're professionals in a business and we'll get on with it, but the sad thing is we didn't get a chance to say goodbye to our mates, and I'm hacked off that I wasn't made aware of it, so I've been unable

did not train yesterday because of a niggling ham-string injury. Chris Joynt, too, skipped the session. He is joined on the substitutes' bench by three new faces, Barrie-Jon Mather, Karle Hammond and Steve Molloy. The Kiwis are sticking by their original 17. The threat posed by individ-

uals of the calibre of John Timu, scorer of two tries in the first match, and Matthew Ridge, an inspirational New Zealand captain, is considerable. Collectively, however, Britain are hard to break down, as the fact that New Zealand only broke their line when Adrian Morley was sinbinned in the 72nd minute showed. On the attack they can conjure, through Goulding, plenty out of little, If lestyn Harris, playing

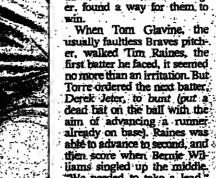
alongside Goulding, can conquer his nerves, he can help Britain to go a long way towards squaring the series. Defensively, there were few weak links in Auckland. According to Larder, Britain must repeat the nine-tenths the side got right and transforming the other tenth. That pre-supposes, however, that New Zealand again disap-point in attack, which they are prone to do.

Larder may discuss with Graham Annesley, the Australian referee, how he intends to interpret the controversial area around the play-the-ball. "A refereeing decision cost us the first game with Morley's sin-binning, yet the holding down in the tackle by New Zealand was unbelievable," he said, "But we're confident, There are areas where we have to improve, where we have to ask a few more questions, but we can do that." Disappointing attendances mean that the tour is set to lose about £500,000. Interest in the second match is considerable, though, as the Kiwis are poised to end 12 years without a series defeat of Britain. That

should ensure a healthy crowd at the Oval Showgrounds. AL DIC OVAL SHOWELOUNDS. NEW ZEALAND (Irom): M Ridge (Auch-land, captain): S Hoppe (Auckland), R Blackmone (Auckland), J Timu (Canter-bury), R Barnett (Auckland), G Ngamu (Auckland), S Jones (Auckland), G Young (South Oueersland), S Eru (Auckland), G



Cone makes his pitch for glory against Atlanta Braves.



swinging for the fences all the time.' It was the first time that the Yankees had led in any of the games, and it allowed them to use the formula that had won

The New York Yankees struck back in the World Series against of wisdom that brought the Braves to heel. the Atlanta Braves here yesterday by doing the last thing anyone would expect from the them the American League pennant - to get a lead, then use good starting pitching to

biggest brassiest name in baseball: thinking small. reach their imposing closing pitchers, Mariano Rivera and After being bludgeoned by the Braves' hitting in game John Wetteland; from the sevone, then suffocated by their: enth inning. pitching in game two, the It also allowed two of their Yankees were in danger of brightest stars to shine. When being swept away in the best-David Cone; the ace of the of seven series. Then, in game three, Joe Torre, their manag-

pliching staff, entered hospital in May for treatment on, a roublesome right ann, he was expering to find one of the femiliar problems that afflict pitchers. Instead, doctors diagnosed a potentially life direct-ening anonysm, and Cone underwent surgery to graft part of a win from his left leg. into his arm. If seemed more than likely that he would never pitch again never mind take the mound in the Would Series. hes this six membs later. Ver liams singled up the middle. "We needed to take a lead," less than six months later. Yet, although some of his power. Torre said. "It was important had been lost, he managed to to think small and not just be get by on guile and guts, and

these were the qualities that saw him through six innings yesterday.

Keith Blackmore in Atlanta on the words Benie Williams, the Yankees

BASEBALL TACTICAL RETHINK HELPS NEW YORK TO REDUCE WORLD SERIES DEFICIT

Torre's small talk spurs Yankees

"Considering the circumstances, this was the toughest start that David has had to make," Torre said. "He. seemed relaxed and he had that look in his eye for the first, time in a long while. He knew, how badly we needed the win and he gave it to us. The Yankees led 20, thanks

less impressive than their reputations, giving up a scratchy run to Grissom's triple and Lenke's single, the to an uncarned-run in the fourth, by the time that Cone reached his biggest test in the south After walking two bat-ters and giving up a hit to Grissom, he kaded the bases It was a deeply disappoint-ing night for the Braves. More than 50,000 fans-packed At-lants Fulton County Stadium for the Braves clean-up hitter. Fred McGriff, with only one out. First. Cone persuaded Torre that he should stay in the game. Then he persuaded McGriff to pop the ball op. Another walk forced in a run, but when Lopez fouled out, the crisis had passed.

was lying in that hospital bed and heard the word 'aneu-The stage was then clear for

rysm, the World Series was the farthest thing from my mind," he said. "I wish I was eloquent enough to tell you how I feel about being here tonight."



to thank the lads for the effort they put in or explain to some "felt out of the 17."

While the loss of the players has had no effect on team selection, morale in the camp could have been better served. Britain retain the starting lineup from the opening 17-12 deleat, although Daryl Powell

Sydney), M Ellis (Auckland), J Vagana (Auckland), L Swann (Auckland), R Wild (Canberra) (Canberral GHEAT BRITAIN: S Spruce (Bradlord); A Hurnis (St. Helens); K. Redinssin (Wigar), O Ponwill (Keighley), A Sultivan (St. Helens); 1 Hentis (Warngton), R Goulding (St. Hel-ens); P Broadbent (Shefheld), K. Cuming-ham (St. Helens), T O'Connor (Wigan), D Betts (Auckland), P Sculthorpe (Waring-lori), A Farrell (Migan, capitan) Sub-stitutes: B-J Mather (Perth), K. Hammond (St. Helens), S Molocy (Featherstone), C Joynt (St. Helens) Refereor: G Annasley (Australia).

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

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Gaing: good to firm Going: good to inth 2.00 (1m 3yd) 1, MEDFEE (K Dartoy, 7-1), 2, Caturabella (L Dattori, 6-4 kay); 3, Royal Action (R Cochrane, 16-1) ALSO RAN: 7-2 Rash Gåt, 11-2 Yukon Hope (4th), 30 Ouesting Star (6th), Suhal, Two To Tango (5th) 8 ran 32, %t, 13t, 13t, nK, R Charlton at Beckhampton Tots 93-30; 22:20, 51:30, 52:70, DF: 52:20, CSF: 51:654

22 70. DF: 58.20. CSF: £16.64 2.30 (1m 3yd) 1, SOCIAL PILLAR (L Datton, 13-8 iav); 2, Poter Fight (M Roberts, 8-1), 3, Zairza (K Darley, 11-2) ALSO RAN 11-2 ink. Pot. 10 Wobble (Sin), 14 Insh Roberts, (8th), Time Can Tell (4th), 25 Fancy A Fortune, Linden's Lad, 33 Best: 10 ran Hd, 3, sh hd, 2%, 21 J Gosdan at Newmarket. Tote: £3.10. £1.40. £2.00, £2.30. DF: 63 10 Tho: £9.40. CSF: £13.82. Tricast £54.00

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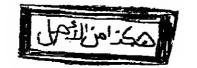


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FOOTBALL

Todd keeps his eye on higher prize

BY PETER BALL

BOLTON Wanderers did not have long to savour their 2-1 victory over Cheisea in the third round of the Coca-Cola Cup on Tuesday night, their latest knockout blow to opposition from the FA Carling Premiership. They were back in training yesterday, preparing for a less glamorous, but more important, visit to Barnsley tomorrow.

"That's a big game for us." Colin Todd, the Bolton manager, said after watching his team add Chelsea to a list of recent cup victims that includes Arsenal, Aston Villa, Eventon and Liverpool. If a return to the Premiership is the priority for the leaders of the first division of the Nationwide League, another cup run is is still a welcome distraction. "We feel capable of beating a lot of clubs," Todd said.

The greatest sadsfaction at the most recent success was

The threat of a strike by players in the Nationwide Football League is receding. Provisional agreement to solve the dispute over the Professional Footballers' Association's share of money from the new Sky television deal was reached at a meeting yesterday. The agreement has to be ratified by the League's board of directors and the clubs.

felt by Nathan Blake, who had an unhappy time as an apprentice at Stamford Bridge. It's not easy for an outsider to feel at home in London, and I never did." he said yesterday.

Bought by Bolton to score enough goals to save them from relegation last season, he failed to find his feet in a struggling side. Now he looks a formidable forward, with power, pace and a sure touch in front of goal.

As well as the satisfaction of puning one over his former club, Blake may have further

winning at Blackburn Rovers. the real shocks were confined to east Lancashire, but Gillingham and Luton Town both produced commendable results. Ceri Hughes earned Luton a draw with Wimbledon at Selhurst Park, the second-division club proving more successful than Wimbledon's recent Premiership opponents. Joe Kinnear's team will now find out what it is like to be the giant visiting a small ground when they go to Kenilworth Road for the

well, coming from two goals down to hold Coventry City to a draw after Paul Telfer had given the Premiership team an apparently secure lead at the interval. By the end, Gillingham were unlucky not to have won as Simon Ratcliffe and Andy Hessenthaler controlled midfield, Ratcliffe scoring the equaliser after Iffy Onuora had initiated the recovery. We're relieved to get a

replay when you look at some

of the other results." Ron

Atkinson, the Coventry man-

ager. said. "But I am very

annoyed. Let's face it, the

game should have been over at

half-time. When you take your

foot off the pedal and start

free-wheeling, as some of our players did in the second half,

Coventry certainly found it.

"I'm disappointed we didn't win," Tony Pulis, the Gilling-

ham manager, said. "But Paul

Scally, the chairman, is delighted with the replay. It

means a lot more money in the coffers and it is a boost for me,

too, because I want to buy

before he buys. "Ron Atkinson

asked me afterwards who are

the best midfield players in the

lower divisions." Pulis said. "I

told him he's just seen them -

Ratcliffe and Hessenthaler."

He might find he is selling

more good players."

it is asking for trouble."

replay. Gillingham did equally

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GREG RUSEDSKI, the Canadian-born Great Britain No 2, lost to Boris Becker in straight sets in the second round of the Stuttgart Open yesterday. The three-times Wimbledon champion from Germany then admitted that he is still playing in some pain.

Rusedski, who had success-fully negotiated the qualifying competition, went down 6-4, 6-4 to the sixth seed but was far from disgraced. Indeed. his world ranking of 56 may even improve a little when the next list is announced on Monday. After winning three qualifying matches, he beat Carlos Moya, of Spain, who Is ranked No 24 in the world, in the first round on Tuesday.

When Becker is playing in

BY ALIX RAMSAY

There was no repeat glory AFTER months of speculafor York City this time round tion, the Lawn Tennis Associ-- instead there was a repeat of the events of last year. A year | ation (LTA) yesterday announced the appointment of John Crowther as its new chief executive. Crowther will take over from Ian Peacock at the beginning of January and will spend the next couple of months acquainting himself with the workings of the LTA. Crowther's experience of tennis is limited — he is a regular recreational player and it was his business acu-

front of his fanatical German supporters, it is hard not to feel some sympathy for his opponent. Although he missed several key chances to get a grip on the match, Rusedski played some crisp volleys and passing shots to scant ap-plause. By contrast, the crowd roared the German's every move

Becker took an early initiative with a service break in the third game of the match, when Rusedski played a forehand into the net. Although not serving at his best, Becker then clinched the first set after 39 minutes, when the Briton hit a service return out of court

chief executive of the defence

There was a spell in the second set in which both players just boomed in their services and rallies were few

and far between. But, in the ninth game, the German hit a forehand passing shot to break again and lead 5-4. In the next game, he won the match with an ace. It had lasted 68 minutes.

Becker, the Australian Open champion, suffered a wrist injury at Wimbledon earlier this year and said: "The more I play, the more it hurts. But it

comes with the package. The injury has gone but, because I had a cast for so long, some of the muscles disappeared. I can only get them back by playing

tournaments." He needs good results at this event to make sure of a place at the final event of the season, the world championship, in Hanover next month. He won the title last year but said that his main goal at the

moment was simply getting fit enough to play. "Sometimes, going to the

doctor has been more exhausting than playing tourna-ments," Becker said, "But my priority at the moment has been getting fit. It would be nice to make it to Hanover, but I have only been thinking about my body recently." Of yesterday's victory, Becker said: "I have to be

satisfied to win in straight sets here, because this is probably the best field ever." The top 38 players in the world have all been playing at the event with the exception of Andrei Medvedev, who is injured.

Earlier yesterday, Thomas Muster, the defending champion and No 3 seed, limped out of the tournament with a recurring hip injury. The Aus-

trian retired from a secondround match with Mark Woodforde after the Australian had taken a 3-0 lead in the

No 1, in the first round.

third set.

Muster said: "I have had this for a few years and it is not getting better. If I knew what to do with it, I would be a doctor, not a tennis player." Stefan Edberg, another for-

mer Wimbledon champion, who is playing his last year on the ATP Tour, also went out in the second round yesterday, losing 7-6, 6-3 to Goran Ivanisevic, the No 5 seed from Croatia. The Swede had beaten Tim Henman, the British

Pete Sampras, of the United States, enjoyed a comfortable 6-3, 6-4 victory over Sargis Sargsian, a qualifier from Armenia.

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new target for hopeful[®] Gunnell SALLY GUNNELL the former Olympic 400 metres hurdles champion and world record-holder, may continue in athletics for two more years. Gunnell, 30, who almost quit

IN BRIEF

Athens is

the sport after limping out of the Olympic Games in Atlanta this summer with another Achilles injury, is to try to regain the world title in Athens next August.

The next few months will tell me how things are progressing," Gunnell said. "If t get to the New Year and I'm fit and hurdling, then I'll gear up for another summer on the track. And if that goes well, who knows? I might go on for another year after that I always thought I'd know when to retire, but it's a difficult decision to make. I want to have kids, so that too will be a deciding factor."

Scotland quality

Hockey: Scotland became the third Commonwealth country to qualify for the semi-finals in the women's World Cup preliminary round tournament in Port of Spain. Trinidad yesterday. They joined India and New Zealand after beating the group leaders, South Africa, 3-2, with two goals by Rhona Simpson and one by Susan Fraser. The fourth semi-final position rests between Japan and Belgium.

King closes gap

Motor rallying: Richard King managed to shave only five seconds off the lead of Ari Vatanen, of Finland, during the longest day of the gruelling Hong Kong to Peking rally yesterday. King in al, Mitsubishi Lancer, who had held the lead until Tuesday. cut the gap to Imin 27sec. Vatanen is on course to become the first driver to win the event twice.

Call for union

Ice skating: Christopher Dean, the former Great Britain Olympic ice dance champion, yesterday called for professional skaters to band together and form a union. "We think we have the right to our own championships and our own association that runs a series of events for the skaters," he said. "If we came together to form our own association and out rules to gether, I think we would be quite a strong force."

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Becker gives a forehand return full concentration during his straight-sets victory over Rusedski in the Stuttgart Open yesterday

Becker makes it through the pain

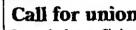
Crowther switches from defence to attack

Over his 23-year career, he has worked for Hawker space and is at present the an easier start than his prede-

men that earned him the job. proving. With Tim Henman ranked No 25 in the world and Greg Rusedski heading Siddeley and British Aero- for the top 50, he should have people tick," he said. Sport is big business these days and I am aware of the LTA's commitment to success

from grass roots to interna-

Crowther. negotiator







cause for celebration. Among the spectators who saw him causing endless problems for the Chelsea defenders was Bobby Gould, the Wales manager. Blake's last international call-up ended in disappointment, but with Mark Hughes suspended for the visit to Holland, his selection is on the cards. With Stockport County

agn, after beating Manchester United in the second round, York succumbed to Oueen's Park Rangers. This year, after their win over Everton, they were again brought back to earth by less glamorous Premiership opposition. this time in the form of Leicester City. The Midlands club matched York for effort, and let their ability decide the issue.

manager, Bryan Robson.

The 32-year-old full back

will have the final eight

months of a lucrative contract

paid up after making only one

Premiership appearance this

season. He was not even

chosen for a Central League

match against Sheffield Uni-

February but the player arri-

ved in England a stone over-

weight and made only five

appearances in the closing

Branco said yesterday:

am glad I was able to help out

Middlesbrough during a diffi-

cult period. Also, I was able to

give my great friend, Juninho,

the help and encouragement

Robson admires Branco's

attacking skills but he has to

tighten a defence that has

conceded 11 goals in the last

weeks of the season.

Robson signed Branco last

ted last week.

he needed."

four games.

systems division of Vickers plc. Such experience should stand him in good stead as. for much of the past ten years. Peacock has taken flak from all sides as British tennis has tried to emerge from the doldrums. Crowther, however, will take the reins just as the international aspect is im-

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cessor. He sees his first task as getting to know and understand the characters and the issues involved at every level of the game. "In my years in

industry. I have experience of negotiating with everyone from African dictators to prime ministers, so I think I can bring to the job an u oderstanding of what makes

tional level."

Crowther is planning to move his own grass roots his wife and three sons from Harrogate to London as soon as possible and, at 45, is relishing the change. "I woke up one morning and thought I don't want to do what I'm doing for the rest of my life. I oeed a new challenge and this job is certainly unique."

Giant signing

Basketball: Manchester Giants have signed Sear McKie. 22, who spent two successful years with Sheffield Sharks before being released at the end of last season.

Crystal Palace sign Shipperley for £1m

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GRAEME SOUNESS, the Portsmouth were also interest-Southampton manager, yesterday agreed to sell Neil Shipperley to Crystal Palace for El million and will now intensify his efforts to sign Pavel Kuka, the Czech Republic player.

Shipperley, who has lost his first-team place to the Norwegian, Egil Ostenstadt, was Southanipton's joint record signing when he joined them from Chelses for £1.2 million after a spell on loan with Watford. He has scored 12 goals in 65 games for Southampton.

Terry Byfield, the Crystal Palace secretary, confirmed last night that Shipperley. a former England under-21 international, was expected at Selhurst Park today for a medical and to finalise personal terms.

Souness, who was impressed by the player during Euro '96, now plans to offer £2 million for Kuka, who plays for Kaiserslautern in the German second division. He first tried to sign him six weeks ago but Kaiserslautern were keen to hang on to Kuka while they were in the Cup Winners' Cup.

Cullinan keeps South Africa ahead

CRICKET: THIRD-WICKET PARTNERSHIP PAVES WAY FOR THIRD SUCCESSIVE WIN

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF ed in signing Shipperley but A CENTURY by Darryll Cullinan helped South Africa were unable to meet Southampton's asking price. Branco, a member of the to a 27-run victory over India Brazilian World Cup-winning to maintain their unbeaten squad in 1994, has been rerun in the Titan Cup trianguleased by the Middlesbrough

lar one-day series at the Sawai Man Singh Stadium in Jaipur yesterday. Put into bat by Sachin Tendulkar, the India captain, South Africa scored 249 for six and then restricted India to 222 for seven from their 50 overs.

Having won all their three matches, South Africa lead the round-robin league with six points and will guarantee their place in the final on November 6 if they defear Australia, still without a win from their two matches, in their next match at Faridabad tomorrow. India have one win

from three matches. South Africa, who lost Andrew Hudson with the score on five, were indebted to Cullinan, who scored 106 off 124 balls and enjoyed a 113-run third-wicket partnership with Hansie Cronje, the captain, who scored 58 from 73 balls. Cullinan was, unsurprisingly,

named man of the match.

Gary Kirsten, who scored only 29, set a world record ly slow start for India, putting on L26 runs for the first wicket. during the innings for the but the India middle order most one-day runs in a calen-dar year. The South Africa failed to capitalise on their efforts.

left-handed opening batsman beat the tally of 1,349 that Tendulkar was caught by Gary Kirsten at deep mid-on off the medium-paced bowline Brian Lara, the West Indies of Brian McMillan in the 31st vice-captain, scored in 1993. Kirsten has scored six one-day over. With his next ball, Mc-Millan had Rahul Dravid Tendulkar and Sourav caught behind. The all-round-Ganguly, the left-handed batser finished with three for 32 from nine overs. Ganguly man, made a solid yet relative-

Youngest Test player

month when he scored a century off 37 balls in a one-HASAN RAZA, a batsman, will become the youngest Test day international against Sri player today if he makes the Pakistan XI against Zimba-Lanka in Nairobi. bwe in Faisalabad in the The Zimbabwe captain, second and final match of the

Alistair Campbell, said yesterday that his team had gained The holder of the record is in confidence following the Mushtaq Mohammad, Pakisuccessful rearguard action in the first Test at Sheikhupura. stan's coach, who was 15 years where they trailed by 178 runs and 124 days when he played against West Iodies at Lahore on first innings.

Henry Olonga, a fast Raza is expected to play in bowler, is returning home place of Shadab Kabir in the because of a groin strain but middle order, being preferred his replacement, John Rento Shahid Khan Afridi who nie, will not arrive in time to sprang to fame earlier this be considered for the Test.

then lost his off stump to Allan Donald, and the India respoose was fatally undermined.

Mohammad Azharuddin waged a lone battle to keep India in the match, remaining unbeaten on 56, from 60 balls. but watched as four of his team-mates perished at the other end to a series of wild strokes in a vain effort to improve the run-rate.

The bowlers did a great job in pegging down the Indian batsmen," Cronje said. "The Indian openers kept them in the game and we were beginning to get worried until Tendulkar got out Cullinan played a gallant knock to enable us to post a fighting score."

Navjot Sidhu, the opening batsman who walked out of India's tour of England last summer, has been recalled for the remaining matches in the Titan Cup. He replaces Sujith Somasundar after completing a 50-day disciplinary ban imposed by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on October 14.

> Scoreboard, page 45 next year will be my year."

Schwer steps out in search of title bid

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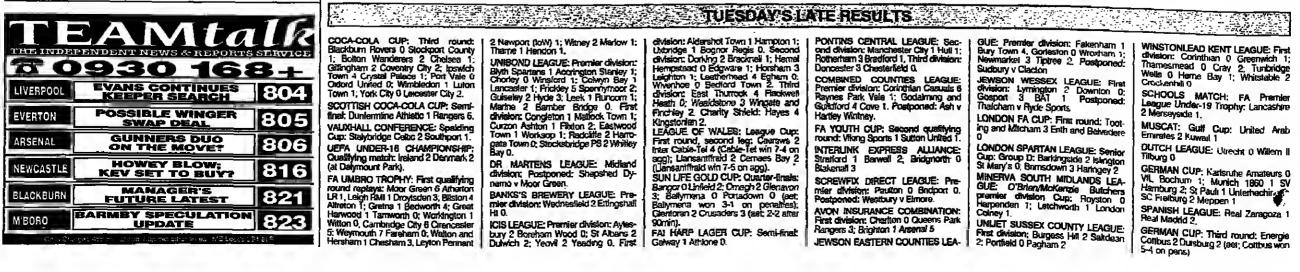
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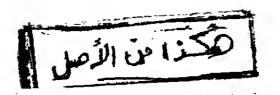
BILLY SCHWER tonight con-Temple is a good boxer who tinues with his programme to re-establish himself as one of can punch and should provide lively opposition. The Hartlethe world's leading lightpool man has been preparing weights. Another win against himself for his big chance. a good domestic opponent should help the former British "We have watched tapes of Billy," Temple said. "I see this and Commonwealth champias my big chance. I'm up for this one. I've got nothing to on finally to put behind him the defeat ten months ago at lose." But Schwer should the hands of David Tetteh, of prove too strong and accurate Ghana. for Temple and should win He meets Alan Temple, of

title hopes.

inside the distance. Hartlepool, at Brent town hall On the undercard, Colf. and should come through Dunne, the Southern Area without mishap. Schwer does, lightweight champion, warms however, have a tendency to up for his challenge next cut. If he is forced to concede month for the British crown as a result of the bout being held by the world-rated Michstopped through facial injury, it will be a blow to his world ael Ayers, of Ealing, Dunne meets Guillaume Dibateza, of Zaire. Schwer's first objective for

The choice is a good one, for next year is the European title. Dibateza has taken Ayers the bowever, for which he is the distance and, should Dunne leading contender. He sees manage to stop him, his that as a platform to strike for confidence for the title bout a second attempt at a world would be greatly enhanced. crown. "Temple is a southpaw But Dibateza is experienced who likes to counter." Schwer and durable and will probably said. "After this, hopefully take Dunne the full eight rounds.





GOLF Order placed by Montgomerie ensures fourth title

FROM JOHN HOPKINS IN VALDERRAMA

THE Volvo Masters, the last professional event of the season in Europe, takes place in an atmosphere of studied excitement, with the contestants lor the Order of Meril struggling with one another and with every roll of the ball on the testing Valderrama course until the final stroke of the fourth round. That, at least, was how it was in 1995 when Colin Montgonierie only made sure of his third Order of Merit ritle with his last put the tournament. This year things are neither

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so exciting nor so well-ordered. First, Montgomerie made sure of a record-equalling fourth consecutive Order of Merit three weeks ago. when he finished fourth in the German Masters and Ian Woosnam, his nearest challenger, missed the cut. For Montgomerie, then, the event this year at the course that will stage the Ryder Cup next year is something of a victory lap. "Of course, I am more relaxed this year than I was

Woods tops the bill at **Tour Championship**

NICK FALDO was shadowed by an armed bodyguard when he played in the US Tour Championship in Tulsa a year ago - but now he willingly concedes the spotlike to the latest phenomenon in American golf (a correspondent writes).

Faldo is hopeful of completing the official 1996 American season with a victory worth \$540.000 (around £342,000). but it is the presence of Tiger Woods rather than the other leading 28 players in the US rankings that has guaranteed a sell-out crowd at the South-

Woods, who won the US at The Forest of Arden on career and 1 see no reason to people to play in this tournashot on this course, more than five points a hole. Their score - "We would have happily amateur title for the third on some others, and yesterday change it. I may be up against ment," he said. "If you are not Tuesday, and scored 83 of 90 was right on the button. settled for that before we Courte: rearies shap experiment up re-Association of independent totacco Specialists Electrical Review: Tefford Police, Service Tec International Ltd 71: Trade independent Prena of ARMS 68: Northern Friends of ARMS 68: Northern Science Science Updition successive time in August, has the best players in the world fit to compete, then you are not Stableford points. Yesterday, was no end of help," Morgan They made a more than started," Constaminou said on a difficult golf course, but when you break it down. The made an exceptional start to fit to compete. To me the armed with the lessons learnt said. respectable start, scoring a and all was far from lost. The his professional career with . They were also able to point team continued to wobble on relevant words are competing from that experience, they five and three sizes in their Refer in the fourmament." To "me" went seven points better tack" the way to Lait, who was kept "first four holes. They were the 10th and 11th, but the ship "i Coord Stocky Under de Bes Robert is not competing." I claim their place in the nat- away from the dress rehearsal ... brought to earth with a four bin was steaded after that, and "Emopout Best avent to the two viciones in a months and almost \$750,000 in the field." 1.2 SNOOKER: BOOKMAKER DEFIES THE ODDS TO DEFEAT DAVIS IN GRAND PRIX SHEEHAN on BRIDGE Henderson checks in for quarter-final KEENE on CHESS reflection of the Scot's charac-ter can be found in the way he 👌 BY PHIL YATES When a bookmaker who had practised for two hours in benefit of relaxation. Since BY ROBERT SHEEHAN. BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT purchasing a betting office in BY RAYMOND KEENE 38 39 40 Kg5 Kh4 Qd54 approaches the game. EUAN HENDERSON clearly total during the six weeks Oh1+ Newport two years ago, he has CHESS CORRESPONDENT There are good players at all stakes at TGR's. This was a hand finds the bracing South Coast air agreeable. In February He refuses to be hurried and leading up to the event met a not been forced to rely on 40 K.g5 41 Ki6 Qd5+ played by Brian Jackson in the EIO game. Its theme is similar to thinks deeply about the major-ity of shots. This unshakeable six-times world and United Qe6+ **Owens** Corning snooker as his sole source of 42 Kg7 43 Ki8 that in yesterday's article. Qg6+ Kingdom champion enjoying 1995, he figured in the quarterincome. With two rounds to go in the Qd6+ In eliminating Davis. Benrhythm was in evidence yeshis most effective spell of form Dealer North Rabber bridge finals of the international Love all 44 Kvd7 Dd5+ Owens Coming grandmaster terday as he methodically compiled breaks of 68, 53, 57, Open at Bournemouth; yesterfor some time, there could only nett again demonstrated that a tournament in Wrexham, now established as the second strongest grandmaster all-play-all tournament in the 45 KIG Qc6+ +A743 contented mind is more imday, at the same venue, he have been one result - Mark Kg5 Kh4 46 Ob5+ ¥---52 and, in the closing frame, portant to him than convenreached the corresponding Bennett beat Steve Davis 5-3. Black resigns +K762 tional preparation. stage of the Grand Prix. As a result of his surprise *AK763 Diagram of final position Henderson. the world Henderson lost 5-1 to John victory, in a match that fin-James Wattana stands be-UK, Chris Ward, the reigning N No 62, defeated Anthony Higgins on his previous quarished close to midnight on tween John Parrott and the +K 1098 B 1312 +5 *** 曾封 British champion, is in the Tuesday, Bennett will play Tony Drago, of Maha, in the quarter-finals this afternoon. ter-final appearance and should the world No 2 over-¥J965 ¥A 10 3742 Hamilton 5-3. It was a studisemi-finals after the Thai's 5-2 W 7 7 2 2 2 lead with 512 out of seven. victory over Billy Snaddon in +A 1093 . +25 ous, patient display by the s Nigel Davies, the Welsh a contest littered with ÷ J 1094 +5 come Tony Jones as expected, former electronics student Ŀ grandmaster, is in second these compatriots will be thrown together in a rematch, Bennett, who caused an mistakes. +QJ52 from Glenrothes, whose first place with five. upset by beating Peter Ebdon task each day is to digest the RESULTS: Third round: M Bennett (Weles) bi S Davis (Eng) 5-3. E Henderson (Scot) bi A Hamtron (Eng) 5-3: J Waltana (This) bi B Snoddor (Scot) 5-2 VKQ3 White: Ward 1 which Henderson firmly bein the opening round, is a +QJ4 chess wisdom of Raymond Black: Hariman walking advertisement for the lieves he can win. **4982** Keene in The Times. Another Owens Corning, Wrexham October 1996 34 N E FOR THE RECORD **Oucen's Gambit Accepted** 1 C All Pass 3 NT 1 H B Marchberk (Scot), 70: R Fultered (Eng), A Gilner (Swe), 77: C Carroll (N Ire), E Bout (N2), A Ctapp (Eng), C Bentarol (N Ire), E Bout Persson (Swe), Paronamaca 65: CB Alonse (Eng), 87: * J Revinego (So), J Curites (So), 68: W Schot: (SA), M Pyeti (Eng), 68: N Lucwell (Eng), W Johnsson (Swe) 70: A McKenzle (Eng), W Alarz (Austrie), * R Darksan (Sol), C A Blorkstein (Swe), S Hamil (N Ire), C Ronald (Scot), A Pret (S) Sol, F de Pablo (Sol), J Kule (Fri, S Collan (Scot), St Oppher: 68: G Sherry (Scot), C Argeen (Swe), 68: O Dunaley (US), 70: 2 Totheria (Fri), M Gankvist (Swel, T Level (Fri) 7): T Braward (Fri), E Galardi (Fri), M Ure (Eng), J Munay (Ire), R Gregan (Scot), O Edmond (Fri). Double round: S. Sargssan (Arm) bl M Priippoussa faust 7:5, 6:3; S. Lanaar (Cart) bl S. Brugueta (Spi 7:5, 6:4; S. Beresalegur (Sp), bl C-U Blaeb (Ger) 7:5, 7:5, Second namd; J. Courser (US) bt B UAhrach (C2) 7:6, 6:4; M Chang (US) bt T. Woodbrudge (Aus) 6:3, 6:2; M. Gurstenson (Swr) th A. Coart (Sp) 7:6, 7:6 S. Stemartis, (Hot) bt Y. Kadeinkov (Rus) 3:6, 6:3, 7:6; M. Woodbrudge (Aus) bt 7 Muster (Austral 3:6, 6:1, 3:4) cart: F. Manta (Spi bl M. Rosset (Switz) 7:6, 3:6, 7:5; G. Marmeter (Cart) bt S. Erflorg (Swe) 7:6, 5:5; G. Marmeter (Cart) bt S. Erflorg (Swe) 7:6, 6:4; B. Backer (Cart) bt S. Erflorg (Swe) 7:6, 6:4; R. Furtien (D & M. Wastington (US) 6:4, 7:5; P. Sampras (US) bt S. Sangstan (Arm) 5:3, 6: 4; R. Berecterg (US) bt W. Ferrera (SA) 6:3. **d**4 d5 A D dadeja b McMalan P Dharmani b de Vilvers A kumble b Donald IN H Monge not out Eatres (15 8, w 9) Total (7 wids, 50 overs) S Josh and B K V Presad ide not hat S Josh and B K V Presad ide not hat a b c d e f g b Contract: 3 NT Doubled, by South. Lead: five of hearts 2 04 tixc4 BASEBALL West doubled 3 NT as he had could place one of the two Nc6 Coulsdon Bg4 e6 exd5 4 N/3 control of both clubs and diacritical cards [ace of diamonds WORLD SERIES: New York 5 Allanta Autanta load best-of-seven series 2-11 5 Bxc4 After three rounds of the intermonds, and had a good hand. Even so, it was a dubious action or king of spades) with West, 222 6 d5 national master lournament in so he started by leading a low Qd7 Coulsdon, Johan van Mil leads CRICKET a Juppa and ta A y masad did not bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-126, 2-126, 3-148, 4-153, 5-191, 6-207, 7-208 diamond towards the king. If as it gave Jackson (South) the 0-0-0 with three points, ahead of Tim Wall on 24. a oba One-day international 4-153, 5-191, 5-207, 7-208 BC/MLING de Villers 10-2-28-1; McMillan 9-1-32-3; Danelid 10-49-2; Symood 10-0-38-1, Crookes 4-0-32-0, Cronie 7-0-35-0 Man of the match; O J Cullinan clue to the winning line. East had the ace, then the Bxt3 9 0-0 Declarer discarded a spade spade finesse would surely work. West had to duck the Nf6 Nd4 10 Oxf3 Pindia v South Africa Tilburg from dummy on the opening lead. East won with the ace and 11 Bg5 ປະຊາຍາດ (Incla worn (oss) South Alnea boal ກາດ a by 2 ກັບກາະ diamond, as rising would give South his ninth trick. Now Bc5 Ne6 In the Fontys elite tournament in Tilburg, Holland, Anatoly Karpov, the Fide champion, and Judith Polgar, the top female player, appear to be heading for the worst results of their careers. With one Umpros J Kurushinkai (India) and S Chaudhury (India) 13 Nc3 SOUTH AFRICA continued a heart. Now declar-7-5 LUXEMBOURG: Women's tournaments Finst round: K Boogen JiHolt bit M L Senu (Spi 3-6, 6-2, 7-6, N Zvareve (Bakel) bit Dragoner Rome, 6-2, 6-0, K Studenskov (Stovaklat) bit E Waoner (Ger) 1-6, 7-5, 7-8 A-3 Stoot (Fright J Halard-Occups) (Fri 4-8 6-3, 6-0, B Scheft (Austria) bit M Carytowska (Pol, 7-6, 6-3; N Medvedow (Not) bit J Rander (Fair), 7-6, 6-7, S Appelmans (Bel) bit S Dopter (Austrel) 6-1, 7-6 A C Hudson two Frazed G harren s John b kumble E J Cuarten st Monga b humble W J Crong s and b Joshi SN Rhoess on b Jadoja E N Covers on b Jadoja E N Covers on b Jadoja E N Lowestown p1 bit Bx#6 gođ6 NH4 er could afford to discard a club declarer switched to spades, 14 00/05 15 0/15 16 0/13 17 Rid1 29 106 58 1 10 FOOTBALL from dummy - if the clubs broke 3-2 he would need only making three tricks in that suit to go with two hearts, a Nxd5 TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: First-round draw: Eigin v Writehill Weitere: Albon Rovers v Forlar, Alloa v Hawick: Huntly v Chole U Ties to be played on December 7 15 diamond and three clubs. txe4 Bd6 Rhe8 Qe6 Be5 Rxd8 four tricks in the suit. Without 10 Ruds round to go, Boris Gelfand, of Belarus, has 6¹/₂ out of ten. Michael Adams, of Great Britain, the double the best play would The Great Britain Open 19 Qxe4 s na staningn húr 591 "E J Pietnaidson húr 691 Eistas de S IVII, de Si 20 Radt 21 Ot3 be to go to durany with a club team suffered a setback on HOCKEY ☐ Ties to be played on December 7 SECOND-ROUND ORAW: Stranser v Inverness Catedonian Thetier Ross County v Monnose. Spartans v Articoath, Barwich v Peterhead Querens Park v Galas, Egon of vibrietuit v Queren of the South, Brechni v Langston, East Stirling v Broas Sterifouscernud v Hamilton; Agv v Hunity of Olyde, Courdenbeatt v Quenbarton; Aboon Clyde, Courdenbeatt v Quenbarton; Aboon Rovers or Fordar v Alloa or Hamids. and play a diamond, hoping East had the ace. Then if the Tuesday at the Olympiad in 51; Karpov shares seventh place with 41; and Polgar is last with 312. PORT OF SPAIN, Trinkdad: Women's World Cup: Preliminary qualifying tour-nement: Pool A: Jemasa 2 Trindad and Tobago 1; Katy 0 Scotterind 0; India 0 South Alnca 2 'Pool B; Cube 0 Japan 3 22 g3 23 Rad81 Contracts (set of 5 counterment) First round: A Fracter (US) by N auroPascual (Sp) 6-3, 8-2, L Raymond (US) by A Gass (Sp) 6-3, 8-2, L Raymond (US) by A Gass (Sp) 6-3, 8-4, E Jabat (Arg) by A Latterer (US) 6-2, 6-7, 6-4; J Nejecky (Can) bi L Co-Portsozu (Can) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; E Callens (Bel) by N Feloc (Can) 6-3, 5-4, L Graham (US) bi M Drake (Can) 6-3, 5-4, L Graham (US) by M Drake (Can) 6-3, 5-4, C Ashoraser (Russ) bit R Statobs (Ausli 6-3, 7-5, N-Pp (US) bit C Mozara (US) 6-2, 6-1, 4-4 Alovaser (Russ) bit R Statobs (Ausli 6-3, 7-5, N-Pp (US) bit C Mozara (US) 6-2, 6-1, 4-4 Alovaser (Stata) (US) bit Ingram (US) 7-5, 6-5, 7, Whitege-Jones (US) bit I Nuczai (Slovesa) 6-4, 6-4, A Maler (US) bit P Suanz (Arg) 6-0, 7-6, H Hroue (Lapant) bit S Jeyscettan (Can) 6-4, 6-2. Rhodes, losing 22-8 to Slove-nia. They recovered well with a 25-5 win over Mexico, and FALL OF WICKETS 1-6 0-56 3-168 4-160 5-004 6-031 queen of diamonds held, de-24 Rad8+ Kxd8 clarer could repeat the play; **Times book** Kc8 Bkc3 Oxa2 Qe6 25 Qd3+ 5-004-6-200 503/00406 Servaim 10-0-45-0, Prasad 9-0-42-1 invancia 10-0-49-2 Joshi 10-0-41-1, Tendukar 3-0-02-0 Vadeja 8-0-47-2 yesterday they beat Australia 16-14; their 17-13 win over East could not rise without 26 Oxth7 27 byc3 The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from giving declarer three diamond ICE HOCKEY 28 h4 29 h5 international grundmaster Ray-mond Keene's daily column in The tricks, so after taking two Finland leaves them eighth. NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL) New York Islandors 3 Tampa Bay 6: Philadelphia 3 Anaheenti: Toronte 4 San Jose 3, Calgary 5 Colorado 1, Edmontor 5 Pritisburgh 2, Phoenux 1 Si Louis 2. JNO(A The ladies' team is fighting back: four wins over Monaco, diamond tricks declarer could 85 56 5 Ciúlangus, p Donald 15 Filionadaíon b McMillion 5 S Díasid o Filonair Seon b McMillion Times, and is available now from buokshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 0)376 321276 at £0.99 plus GOLF switch to spades. Here that 30 h6 EUROPEAN TOUR PRE-OUALIFYING SCHOOL: Leading inst-round scores: Emporta: 65: 3 ingleby (Engl 66: C Clark (trc), - R Gonzalz (Spi, 67: J Lee (Wales) 68: N Turley (Engl, A Wal (Engl 68: F smatteri (Spi, W Bernert (Engl, J. Carvit (Nite), M Dove (Engl, M Higley (Engl, C Hostachus (Swel, P Jeniurson (Engl, C Huacherson (Engl, S Matson (Swel, T Munaz (Spi, S Rentrow (Engl, S Vale (Engl, P Edmond (Fri, B Sutterfield (US) Pales; 87: 31 Qg8-32 h7 33 Kg2 34 Kh2 35 h80 36 Kh3 37 Kh4 Kb7 would fail: West wins the first Denmark, Morocco and Vene-De1+ té Agnaruez pirrer pati U Simamip Strakoz zuela leave them seventh. diamond and clears hearts, Qe4+ postage and packing). and East eventually gets in with Robert Sheehan writes on **RUGBY UNION** Of5 bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend the king of spades to beat the Qxt2+ C Raymond Keene writes on chess TOUR MATCH: Wales Youth South and Wesi 34 Canada Under-19 10. Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday. contract OH +After the double declarer Qh1+ THE CONTINES section on Saturday. WINDSURFING TENNIS SCHEVENINGEN, Hollend: World Tour final placings attier tour days) Merr. 1, a Durivetbeck (Sp) 2, P McGain (Aus), 3, M Buzans (US) Womer: 1, AHOpare (Ge), 2 A Sensini (III' 3, N LeLlevre (Fr) SPORTS SERVICE WORD-WATCHING WINNING MOVE STUTTGART: Men's tournament: First TODAY'S FOTURES By Philip Howard By Raymond Keene RACING POOLS DIVIDENDS shire v West Yorkshire (at Wollaton FC, 3.0) Inter-Association: Kirkby Knowsley v Leeds (at Sports Centra, 10.30). White to play. This position is from DEANESS FOOTBALL LITTLEWOODS: Trable charger 24pts 9538.25, 23 £14.00, 22 £1.45, Hal-bries 24pts 1250,000, Four draws: 12.50, Ten homes (1330 Five earlys; 1212.65, the game Burzlaff - Stark. Oschatz 1958. In this game White Commentary a. A Lady Dean his off 7.30 unless stated PLOT-OT - SU LEGES SUBJECT PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Notingnem Forest v Shelikeid Wednesday (7.0), Didham v Everton (7.0), First division: Covertry v Sunder-Call 0891 500 123 b. Deatness or surdity b. A thirst-making serpent has opted for a flank (fianchetto) development of both bishops. The OTHER SPORT Nomes CSGE Hos earlys: (20225). VEPNONS: Trable chence: 24pts C145.55, 23 55 15, Super Shore 5227 Premier 19 (peed on 7 concert £203 50 ZETTERS: Trable chence; 24pts £36.55, 25 E1 45 Two devicence; 24pts £36.55, 20 First eight: 1505; C1.085.05, 15 (358.30, 14 £3 75, Four aways £20.20, Eight homes: 216.00 Four aways £310, Super seven \$250,60 Lucky numbers 8.4.31 26 10 6 c. A twin-eared Greek pot c. To behead BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Leopards v Crystel Palace (7.0). BOXING: Lightweight: Biby Schwer (Lu-ton) v Alan Temple (Hardepool) (at Breni Town Hall) DIMANE advantage of this is that the Results s sa bishops can, in the right circum-EXPISCATORY a. With both hands Iand (7 0) FA YOUTH CUP: Second qualifying round: Yeovil v Eastleigh SCHOOLS MATCHES: London Cup: Middlesex v Buckinghamshire (at Hours-Iow 20) Suiney v Essex (at Emeil, 11.0). Inter-County: Under-19: Notingham-1370 5701 Call 0891 100 123 stances, operate powerfully on their long diagonals. How did b. Tomorrow a. Making excuses c. To flow out SNOOKER: Grand Prix (at Bournemouth)

last year and it is going to be polf now and is a doubtful easier this year than last starter for the Australian vear." year." Montgomerie said. "But, at the back of my mind, I Open in one month. Nevertheless, the PGA European Tour tournament would like to perform. Two committee has ruled that, for years ago, I was in the last group on Sunday with Allenby to receive his bonus Severiano Ballesteros. I would money, he must at least start like to be somewhere like that in this tournament. Thus again this year."

the Australian has made a 27-hour journey from Melbourne But for Robert Allenby, the event is a farce. After a to Spain, arriving last night. bumper season during which In front of photographers, a he has won three events, the relevision news crew from an Australian lies third in the Australian network and inter-Order of Merit and wants to ested spectators, Allenby will make sure of qualifying for thetee off at 8.50 this morning with David Howell in the first bonus money on offer to the leading 15 players at this pairing of the day. lournament.

Whether he uses a putter, This money is added to his takes a swing and has an airofficial carnings and thus will shot or hits a full drive is affect his position in the Order immaterial. The fact is that, by of Merit. And this, in turn, may determine his chances of attempting to hit one stroke. Allenby will have satisfied receiving an invitation to comthe tournament rules and thus pete in the Masters next year. be eligible for his bonus However, Allenby fractured money. his sternum in a car accident Though Wayne Riley, an in September and has been Australian and the present recuperating at home in Mel-Portuguese Open champion, bourne. He is unable to play

in prize-money. He is being

hailed as the greatest asset to

American golf since Arnold

Palmer arrived on the scene

Faldo said: "Tiger has done

nicely in the last couple of

months. The key to his two

wins has been his tremendous

length from the tee. But now

he has to sustain his momen-

tum, and this course is more

40 years ago

said "rules are rules", other Australians are horrified that Allenby has had to make such a long journey. "There is a rule of golf called equity." Rodger

Davis said. "It is rarely used by a tournament director but he can use that rule if it suits him to do so. I believe Robert should not have had to make

the trip. "He has played fantastic all year. I think the players here in Spain believe his money should count on the Order of Meril." Montgomerie said that he would be prepared for the bonus money to be added to the tournament prize fund,

tournament.

SPEEDWAY: Individual: 16 Lapper Mara-Ihon (el Ipswich, 7 30)

ional final, at La Manga in Spain, in November. World Design & Trade were

NO ARMY ever won a war without advance planning: a second, six points behind, with bit of intelligent reconnais-Lawson Mardon Star. natsance never goes amiss, either. ional finalists last year, third, in the gentler world of golf. a further point astern. Anybody searching lor proof Costas Constantinou, the would need to look no further only employee of ZET playing than the battle-plan of the - Mark Morgan, David Lait winners of the West Midlands and Allan Jones, the other

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regional final of The Times three members of the team,

ENEX THE Mees Piere GOLF

Dave Pavior gets the Electrical Review team's round under way during the West Midlands regional final on the Arden Course yesterday

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about accuracy." MeesPierson Corporate Golf are all clients - was joined by by business calls. "I wouldn't time, but victory was already firmly in their grasp. Scores: sol 221 insuance Service. Ld Bd: Work Design & Trade Ld Bd: Lawon Mardon Star Lid Bd: The National Gird Company ple 80: Barchys Bank, 79; AC Loyd (Builders) Lis: Avon Insurance, Measure Rie Ld Neir plc 78; Brund UK Ld, Stree Leasing Dk. The Peninsula & Onemal Steam Navgetton Company, Accustedoam Group 77; DFDS Transport Ld 74; Harte Shap Equentient Lid 72; Association of Independent Lid 72; which means that he might be After leaping to fourteenth Morgan and Jones on their Challenge yesterday. have known where to go at respectability when he sank a in the United States Ryder denying himself the £150,000 12-loot downhill putt for a Three members of the team spying mission, and all were times without their help," he Cup rankings, Woods said: "I quick to acknowledge the part that he will receive once he has representing ZET Insurance said. The team's game-plan gross par five, which with his have come here to win. That is shot gave him a four for two made his first stroke in this Services, a Birminghamthat the round had played in was simple - keep plugging the way I have approached based firm of insurance brotheir victory. "You have to away, no matter how unlikely points. em Hills course. kers, played the Arden Course every tournament in my a score seemed, and aim for Still, they had 45 to the turn "This is a bonus paid to know where to hit your tee-

the 5th, but 16 points on the next three put them well ahead

Then came the 9th. and for the first time real doubt crept into their minds. They scored only two points, Jones going into the trees and Morgan disappearing twice in the same direction, Constantinou also failed to score, and in the end it was left to Lait to salvage a small measure of

White prove this here in fine style?.

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the high spot of their round came on the 399-yard loth. where they scored seven points.

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Jones hit a drive and a nineiron in to six feet and made the net eagle putt for lour points. Lait split the fairway, then put a six-iron in to 25 feet. Two putts later he was in for a net birdie three and three points. They did not know it at the time, but victory was already

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Decision time for Spain's big wheel

iguel Induráin must think it is his birthday. He has just been offered \$10 million (£6.29 million) to spend three weeks on a bike next summer. The Spanish cyclist, reckoned by many to be the greatest endurance athlete on the planet, won the Tour de France five times in a row. Now he is being tempted by the ONCE professional team to attempt a record sixth win next year. As well as the bags of money on offer, the ONCE team is also said to be promising to bring in the French rider, Laurent Jalabert, and Alex Zülle, of Switzerland, to help him to secure victory.

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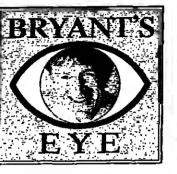
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Induráin is by far Spain's greatest sporting hero — way ahead of Severiano Ballesteros, Arantza Sánchez Vicario or any of half a dozen footballers. A recent poll showed that his countrymen think that Indurain is the most accomplished Spanish sportsman of all time, and only King



Juan Carlos and Crown Prince Felipe are bener-loved in Spain. For the past decade or so, he has

celebrated his birthday each July in style - crouched over the handlebars as he stamped his legend all over the world's greatest cycle race. But each passing birthday makes life tougher for any champion athlete, and this year his birthday was not so happy. The unthinkable happened and he came unstuck.

As the Tour wound its way into Spain and into his home territory of Pamplona, it became apparent that the man-machine who had made this race his own was about to be defeated by a balding Dane called Bjarne Riis who himself looks just a few birthdays short of a pension.

But even though he was beaten, the loyal Spanish public still gave him a hero's welcome. They still clapped. still called his name, still waved their banners, still wrote on the road. Thanks Miguel" they scrawled,

"Five Tours - it is enough" "Five Tours. Six Tours? What does it



Induráin, a physiological as well as a cycling marvel, found age catching up with him last summer

matter?" asked a banner, "Miguel how fit you are and, at rest, you are still a champion." Such Indurain's pulse bumps along at only worship is hardly surprising. Indurain is a marvel of power and 28 beats a minute.

Even when he is flat out, his heartendurance. In Spain "Big Mig" is also nicknamed "The Man from Outerspace" and "The Perfect rate seems superhuman. It peaks at around 150. and a glimpse of the pulse monitor carried on the handlebars of his bike strikes terror into the riders who slog alongside him. They His secret weapon is a metabolism can be pedalling like pistons in the mountains but Big Mig's heart will that is probably superior to any other athlete in sport. He has the resting be ticking quietly away at 120. pulse of a hibernating bear. Your His lung capacity, too, is huge - a heart rate is a fairly good gauge of

third above average - and his height (6ft Zin) and weight (12st 7lb) are

travels everywhere with him. Padilla, who also coaches Spain's marathon champion. Martin Fiz,

SAILING: GROUP 4 REMAINS ON COURSE TO WIN FIRST LEG OF CHALLENGE

Blyth chases replacement doctor

says that Indurain "has taught his body to defy oxygen debt and metabolise lactic acid. Because he has such a low heart-rate, he can work harder and longer than others at lower rates.

After this year's Tour, even this superman was tired. Those years in the saddle had at last caught up with him. The strain of top-class cycle road racing is unimaginable and he should have withdrawn his exhausted body to recover quietly with his wife, Marisa, and their son, Miguel. Spain would not let her hero rest, though. They thought he might make amends in the Olympic Games in Atlanta, which, pleading his exhaustion, he wanted to miss. Some big Spanish fans helped change his mind King Juan Carlos and Juan Antonio Samaranch, the Spaniard who heads the International Olympic Committee, were wheeled out to twist his arm.

nduráin took his bike to the time-trial in Atlanta, and came away with the gold. As he crossed the finishing line, the King was waiting to congratulate him on an open phone line from

Back in his homeland, even though he dropped out of the Vuelta, the Tour of Spain, Indurain is still the hero and role model. Politicians point to him as an example of dedication and achievement to the young, and they talk enthusiastically of the Induráinisation of Spain, of a generation inspired by his exploits and laidback modesty.

Everywhere in Spain, though, they ask the big question: will he retire? Can his medical team get him up for one more Tour win? Could the magic work one more time?

For Indurain, the \$10 million offer may complicate the issue. He may be too proud to quit when he is no longer at the top. But even with his apparently indestructible body, he must realise that age is the ultimate condition from which no athlete can ever recover. The physics can do much to keep the legs ticking over. but they cannot turn back the hands on the clock.

Tomorrow the schedule is released for next year's Tour de France. Indurain will soon have to decide if he will be there, sweating it out in the saddle, on July 16. For \$10 million or not, another Tour means another birthday. And at 33, even for Big Mig, that may be a birthday too far.

JOHN BRYANT

RADIO CHOICE Seen through others' eyes

THE TIMES THURSDAY OCTOBER 24 1996

The Piano Tuner's Wives. Radio 4. 2.00pm

I can guarantee that you won't hear many plays in these last months of 1996 that are as delicately balanced as this one by William Trevor. The setting is Co Cork. A widower (Denys Hawthorne, surely one of the setting is Co Cork. A widower (Denys Hawthorne, surely one of the best actors I reland has produced) marries for the second time. He is blind, and his blindness is the pivol on which the play turns. The 40 years he spent married to his first wife (Marcella Riordan) left years he spent married to his first wife (Marcella Riordan) left indelible images on his mind of the world she painted for him. His second wife (Kate Binchy) is his new eyes, but the images they project on to him are at odds with the old ones. Inevitably and unknowingly, she damages his memories. David Hitchinson has sensitively directed a play that is a credit to both Radio 4 and the World Service who combined forces to create it.

The Hearts and Lives of Men. Radio 4 (FM). 10.00am.

For reasons that I trust will be explained in the weeks ahead. Fay Weldon's adaptation of her novel is introduced by a girl who sounds as if she can't be any older than six. Is it because Weldon, wearing her as it she can't be any older man six. Is it because werden, wearing her narrator's hat, defines the serial as a fairy-tale for adults and accordingly puts on her "Once upon a time" voice? Or is it because the little girl turns out to be one of the lovers' offsprings Weldon refers to in her script? Her withy tale is set in the Beatles' Swinging Sixoes, an era she accurately describes as "dinner — with no washing up" Peter Davalle up"



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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 45

DEANESS

(a) A woman who is head of a female chapter, from the Latin decana. French doyenne. Sterne. Tristram Shandy, 1759: "The Abbess of Qoedlingberg with the four great dignitaries of her Chapter, the prioress, the deaness, the sub-chanress, and senior canoness.'

EXPISCATORY

unusual in cycle racing. One theory has it that he has exceptionally long thigh bones that give him extra leverage for pedalling. Sabino Padi-lla, his doctor and physiologist, monitors him constantly, regularly taking blood from his ear, which is tested on a lactate machine that

(c) Tending to expiscate, ie fish out. From the Latin er out + piscari to fish oot, hence to find oot by scrutiny. Carlyle (who else?): "By expiscatory questions this most involute of Lies is finally winded off." sailor with medical training to

Machine".

DIPSAS

(b) A serpent whose bite was fabled to produce a ragiog thirst. From the Greek *dipsas* just such a nasty snake, taking its name from *dipsa* thirst. "A dipsas is a worm accurst./ From whose bite follows raging thirst."

DIMANE

(c) To flow forth from, to spring, originate or derive its origin from. From the Latin *dimanare* to flow in different ways, dis apart + manare to flow. "By the Right of Warre, and by the consent of the people, which two Triles dimane also from the Divisor empirication." Divine providence.

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FROM EDWARD GORMAN

SAILING CORRESPONDENT

IN RIO DE JANEIRO

to take up to 40 days.

race from Rio de Janeiro," he middle of next month. "We are looking for a re-

said. "The person must be between 21 and 60 and be able

they are expected in the early placement crew volunteer who to respond to this short-notice has sailing experience and call." It was not immediately

he appealed for a volunteer medical training to join the clear whether the volunteer

join one of the 14 BT Global **BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE** Challenge yachts when the LATEST POSITIONS second and toughest leg of the First leg 14. Time & Tide race starts in just under a month's time, after a doctor on Southampton 13. to Rio de Janeiro Courtaulds 12. Pause to 5.000 miles Courtaulds International de-Remember cided to withdraw yesterday. 9. Ocean Pat Redman, 28, from fi. Global 17 S Rove London, has been struggling BRAZIL with seasickness throughout 19 6. Heath the first leg and reluctantly Insured fi 10. Nucle made the decision that she could not face the ordeal of going round Cape Horn and mmercia then taking on the Southern Occan all the way to Welling-Union _ 35-W 5. Save the 2. Toshiba ton, a journey that is expected **Nave Wantor** 37°W This has left Blyth with an Group 4 Position as at 13.54GMT yesterday 39 W Concert 21.5 urgent need for a replacement,

MILES TO RIO DE JANEIRO: 1, Group 4 (252); 2, Toshiba Wave Warrior (307); 3, Concert (325); 4, Commercial Union (397); 5, Save The Children (397); 6, 3Com (428); 7, Motorola (442); 8, Heath Insured II (461); 9, Ocean Rover (471); 10, Nuclear Electric (512); 11, Global Tearnwork (605); 12, Pause To Remember (716); 13, Courtaulds Int (800); 14, Time & Tide (857).

would also be expected to pay the £6,800 fee for the Southern Ocean leg.

The yaches are making slow progress towards the finish in sweltering temperatures and lightish winds. Mike Golding on Group 4 is still the comfortable leader, with a margin of 53 miles over Simon Walker on Toshiba Wave Warrior. Chris Tibbs on Concert is still in third place, 16 miles further back.

A desperately tight match race, meanwhile, is enlivening the battle for fourth position between Commercial Union, skippered by Richard Merriweather, and Save the Children, under Andy Hindley, which has made its way up the field from a position of tenth place over the last 13 days.

On present form, the computer is predicting that the two boats will cross the finish line off Rio within a minute of each other.

TABLE TENNIS

Ahlen gives England timely boost

BY RICHARD EATON

ENGLAND'S attempt to regain its status as a leading table tennis nation has brought one of the world's best-known coaches to this country. Soren Ahlen, part of the Sweden set-up that won the world team championship in 1989 and the head coach of the men's squad that regained the European title for the Scandinavians in Bratislava in May, will start as the England national men's team coach in two weeks' nime. Ahlen. 40, will begin his contract with the English Table Tennis Association by working for 60 days between now and the world championships in May, coaching at European league matches, certain tournaments and England training camps. He would then become a leading candidate to fill a position of overall control that could be created if National Lottery and Sports Council funding is made available. The appointment ends a spell of uncertainty in which a series of different people coached or managed the England team last season.

Sawer (Songs of Love and War); Birtwistle (Ritual Fragment); Schnittke in D) 10.00 Musical Encounters. Mendelssohn (Overture: Mendelssohn (Overture: Fingal's Cave); Mozart (Symphony No 36); Wagner (Segtried idyll); Hindennith (Suite: Nobilissima Visione) 12.00 Composer of the Week: Reger, Psalm 100, Op 106 performed by the Bamberg Symphony Chorus and Orchestra, conductor Horst Stein with Fritz Walter-Lindquist, organ 1.00pm News; Bel Canto Volces. Patnot: O'Connor talks to Marilyn Home whose choice includes Conchita Supervia, Giulletta Simionato, Victora (Requiern) 8.50 Hearts and Minds. Michael Rosen says the story of children's literature in apartheid South Africa is a tate of literary starvation if blacks, a solid diet of moster country classics and lake history for whites, and bold Giulietta Simionato, Victoria de los Angeles and Luciano Pavarotti (r) 2.00 Gabriell Brass Ensemble, A Sunrise): Beethoven concert given in July at the St Albans Festival. Koechlin Albans Festival. Koechlin (Chant de la Resurrection); Langlais (Ceremonis pour Cutvres); Hartmann (Fest-Klange); Carter (A Fantasy about Purcell's Fantasy upon One Note) 3.05 Out of the Air. Paddy Ashdown recalls Bruckner's Symphony No 1 3.10 The BBC Orchestras, BBC Timothy and Sam West 11.30 Composer of the Week: Franck, Gillian Weir talks about his organ music (I) 12.30am Jazz Notes from the Dor Rendelt Roarin Band featuring Ian Car 1.00am Through the Night Symphony Orchestras, Bec Gverture Le consaire): Beethoven (Plano Concerto No 4 in G); Elger (Symphony No 1 in A flat)

BADIO 4

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 8.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 3.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.56 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts with John Wate (a)

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tales of pioneering Vortrekkers for the Afrikaners 9.15 The BBC Orchestras, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, conductor Jerzy "-Maksymuk, Beethoven [Overture, Leonore No 3); Sibelius (Nightride and Sunrise); Beethoven (Overture Leonore No 1) 10.00 Music Restored, George Prati introduces a concert from the York Early Music Festival including Francesco Orso (II Cantar Novo); Luca Marenzo (O Fere Stelle) 10.45 Night Waves, First-night review of Henry IV Parts 1 and 2, starting father and son, Timothy and Sam West 11.30 Composer of the Weetc

Sheba. Ken Livingstone MP chairs a panel game about lies and deceit. With guests

Neil Mullarkey, Hattie Hayndge, Tony Hawks and Mark Steel 7.00 News 7.05 The Archent 7.20 Hitting the Jackpot. Allan Beswick Iolkows the fortunes of National Lotlery winners.

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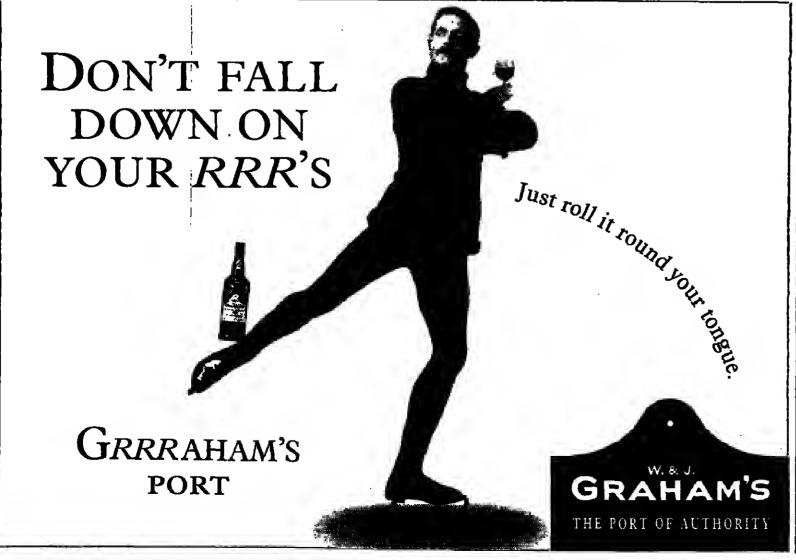
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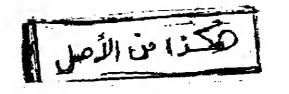
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 9.30 Common Ground. Conor Gearly chairs the discussion programme that attempts to find a common ground between two apparently inteconcilable positions
 10.00 News; The Hearts and Lives of Men (IFM). See Choice Christine is planning to do her Christmas shopping in New York, whilst Elaine and Darek have bought a racehorse Jasmin with $\Sigma 2$ million gives Choice 10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hour, presen by Jenni Murray 11.30 From Our Own Correspondent 12.00 News; You and Yours 12.00 News; You and Yours up his job and goes into hiding where he reads the 6.00 Analysis: A New Kind of Democrat, Martin Walker kocks at the challenges facing Bill Clinton 8.45 The Writer's Day Out Writers best known for creating liction here, fou and Yours pm Questions of Taste Chris Kelly hosts the lighthearted culinary quiz, teaturing Valentina Harris, Keith Barron, Nigella Lawson and Mark Hurst 12.55 Weather The Weath of Ourse 9.00 Does He Take Sugar? The programme for people with disabilities Presented by Hurst 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; The Plano Tuner's Wives See Choice 3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Ded Allon area Michael Frederick Dove 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight with Jeremy Harris 10.45 Booker at Bedtime: Orchard of Fire by Sheena McKay 11.00 Thirty Minute Theatre: Heartache, by the former Times cartoonst Mel Calmar ubb dod to the the the Paul Allen sees Michael Paul Allen sees Michael Maloney in a production of Hamlet and the premiere of a naw Edward Bond play at the Royal Shakespeare Company 4.45 Short Story: Morrisey by Rob Gittins. A detective sergeant from a Carditt police station tells her story Read who died nearly three years -ago (FM) (r) 11.30 Ad Lib (r) 11.30 Today in Parliament (LW) 12.00 News inci 12.30em The Late Book: Primary Colors The station tells her story Read by Suzanne Packer 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

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over a glass case. "I clean India. Northern Europe and the Bed of Ware," she said. She sounded proud. reasonably enough: not many of us tackle the din of two sub-continents on a regular basis. She and another housecoated chum processed through the galleries til the Vicluria and Albert Museum in last night's Modern Times (BBC2), applying effort here and there to a bit of glass or a plinth. Visitors sometimes tell her the V&A is the cleanest museum they've seen, which is gratifying. Sometimes she sings whole songs while she works, but though I waited fur Some Day my Plinth Will Came, J waited in vain.

The trouble with last night's The Museum (if you are still awake) is that it was all as cheerfully banal as this. Susanna White's documenary was well made, witty in places

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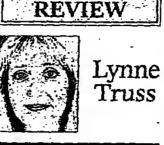
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waved her feather duster and in attained closed-doors access to top-level meetings (a requisite of all portraits of institutions). But in a peculiar way it mirrored the museum itself - a bit fragmented, a bit exotic, and sometimes more than a bit deadening to the spirit. Research published coincidentally this week revealed that it is quite normal for museum visitors to faint from exhaustion, and I was relieved to hear it. Children of my generation were exposed to all-day museum visits which acted perversely as a kind of aversion therapy. At the merest mention of "South Kensington", for example, I have to sit down with my head between my knees.

Back with the documentary, The Museum was just too predictable. Let's meet the security man who's a real cockney character. Let's meet the clever attendant, who reads Gombrich to keep up. Let's see fussy curators readjusting

pictures and delivering impromp-tu lectures ("the men love it"), while long-suffering ubject-handlers rub their noses blankly, and glance at their watches. And on, and on, All museum life was here, from the bug-catchers to the director of the museum deciding reluctantly to introduce an admission charge. It beguiled an hour perer fear we would all - like visitors to the museum itself - gratefully ubandon our studies at the first mention of refreshment?

as well. What happened when the City was deregulated in the 1980s by Margaret Thatcher? A load of Americans turned up, that's what, and the Stock Exchange stopped



being a genteel world where men met in whiskers and top hats, and compared the breadth of their

pinstripes. Mrs Thatcher - pic-tured in a hard hat, sitting in the cabin of a crane - personally demolished this civilised place. After deregulation, the Americans barged in, worked "appalling" hours in shirtsleeves at their flickering computer screens, and competed openly for the interesting the "Big Swinging Dick" (employee of the month, with subtle macho overtones). Before deregulation, apparently,

See one big swinging dick yelling aggressively down a phone, and you've probably seen them all. And as Peter York recently the City was like a gentleman's club. This fact was kept before us demonstrated with his series The in no subile way, by having people sell us the same thing, over and Eighties, oiks with champagne over. "It was like a gentleman's club...It was a clubby world bottles weren't even very interesting at the time. ... There was a code of dress, rather like a gentleman's dub." To till, the 1980s hold warm S memories for some. Clarissa Dickson Wright, in last night's Two Fat Ladies (BBC2) emphasise the timeless nature of this club, black and white footage

of City men would sometimes show trolley-buses or biplanes passing in the background. On the floor of the Stock Exchange, men queued politely for a word, and left the place deserted during Henley Regatta. At his interview for a merchant bank, one man was only asked what he made of the Test

match so far. The trouble ahead for Naked had instructed those embarrassed yuppies, who held their knives and City (a four-part series) is that this forks upside down, and wiped Garrick Club era is surely much their noses on placemats, Now she

easier to demonstrate on television was cooking a dinner for priests at than the modern era it gave way to. Westminster Cathedral, with her chum Jennifer Paterson, and could be wise after the event. "Ah yes," she ruminated. "The yuppie has gone but the artichoke remains."

What a relief that Jennifer and Clarissa had not been left in the boot of a New York taxi. I can't remember a cookery series as compelling as this. These women somehow make snobbery an attractive character trait instead of a crushing force for evil. "Now don't call this a coulis," admonished Clarissa, stirring sugar into sieved raspberries, and looking stern. Jennifer shuddered in agreement. "A coolie is a Chinese man in a pointy hat who carries things for you," she said. I felt suitably reprimanded, even though I've never called anything (or anybody) a coulis in my life. But whether it was the pronunciation they ubjected to - or the word itself - I doubt I shall ever know.

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FreBC1 BBC2 CHOICE and the second second second 6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (41786) 6.00mm OPEN UNIVERSITY: BABIES' Is It Legal? Solicitors in Love 6.00am GMTV (7143453) 7.00 BREAKFAST NEWS (Ceelax) (72057) As HTV WEST except 6.35am PRO STARS (r) (9654811) MINDS (7070076) 6.25 WINDOWS ON THE MIND (7082811) 6.50 EYEWITNESS MEMORY (9657908) ITV, 8_30pm Funny that this jaunty and unpretentious sit-com should be written by the same Simon Nye who is responsible for the more abrasive Men Behaving Badly. But the ability to employ two different styles is a tribute to Nye, not a criticism. Is It Legal? is a thoroughly jolly show, built on the pleasures of predictability. As the second series opens Patrick Barlow's twitchy Bob is still pining for the sandwich girl. Imelda Staunton's Stella has met her latest fantastic man and the accident-prone Colin (Richard Lumsden) manages to throw his briefcase through a 9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (2021818) 10.40 THE FERRET 1557250 7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (98095) 9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA (Ceelax) 9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (6801502) 11.10 A SPORTING DOUBLE (117182) 9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER @ 20 STYLE CHALLENGE (S] (2046927) 7.15 BREAKFAST NEWS (6817076) 10.00 THE TIME ... THE PLACE (53434) 11.40 FILM: JAMES DEAN (963163) Cookery (45328) COREY (40323) 9.30 HANGIN' WITH MR COOPER (r) (4045811) 9.55 BACK TO THE FUTURE (r) (5651873) 10.20 PINK PANTHER (r) (4378415) 10.40 THE LEGEND OF WHITE FANG (r) (8686960) 11.10 DOG CITY (r) (9274144) 11.35 ROCKO'S MODERN LIFE (r) (3480163) 12.00 HOUSE TO HOUSE (69802) 10.30 THIS MORNING (27138366) 7.30 ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS 9.45 KILROY IS) (2876908) (4284057) 7.55 BLUE PETER (1) (8343434) 8.20 NODDY (1078540) 8.35 THE RECORD (8700908) 9.00 THE IT COLLECTION (2024705) 9.25 THE ART (5181569] 9.45 WRITING AND PIC-12.20m REGIONAL NEWS (7088502) WESTCOUNTRY 10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK ISI 12:30 NEWS (Teletext) and weather (3720144) As HTV West except: 11.00 NEWS and weather (Ceetex) (6450927) 12.55 SHORTLANO STREET (s) (3738163) 1.25 CORONATION STREET (1) 12.55 EMMERDALE (3738163) 11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW (S) (Teletad) (6773540) 2.00 HOME AND 1.25-1.55 CROSSWITS (82086273) (66906) 5.45 WHITMUS AND PIC-TURES (1488521) 10.00 PLAYDAYS (66906) 10.30 STORYTIME (152692) 10.45 TEACHING TOOAY (532075) 11.15 WELSH HISTORY (9297095) 11.35 LANDMARKS (3471415) 11.55 AWAY (Teleted) [s) (27339521) 2.25 CROSSWITS (Teleted) (s) (27325328) 2.50 VANESSA (Teleted) (s) (9434892) 1.55 HOME ANO AWAY (14388415) 11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (s) (1439415) 12.00 HOUSE TO HOUSE (58892) 2.25 VANESSA (27349908) 12.00 NEWS, REGIONAL NEWS and weather 12.30pm BACKDATE (Teletext) (s) (86163) manages to throw his briefcase through a shopwindow. So nothing has changed at Lotus, Spackman and Phelps, the solicitors 2.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (3827386) 1.00 SESAME STREET (816181 3.20 ITN NEWS (5033892) 12.05pm SNOWY RIVER: THE MCGREGOR SAGA (S) (8476618) 5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (8846908) 2.00 ANTIPHONY (81472786) BELIEF FILE (1440521) 12.15pm HALLO AUS BERLIN (7933621) 12.30 WORKING LUNCH (91095) 1.00 LIFE-3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (5032163) 10.45 CADLE'S QUEST (611182) no litigant would dream of employing, and for that we should be glad. Nye has devised a format which works splendidly on its chosen level, and be would be a fool to tinker with it. 3.30 THE RIDDLERS (9284250) 3.40 WIZA-OORA (6611279) 3.50 SYLVESTER 2.05 FILM: The Third Man (b/w, 1949) 11.15 SHORT STORY CINEMA (618095) Classic thriller starring Joseph Cotten and Orson Welles Directed by Carol 1.00 NEWS and weather (Ceelax) (75144) SCHOOL (87036778) 1.25 MAD ABOUT MUSIC (17906328) 1.45 11.45 PRISONER: CELL BLOCK H (391892) ANO TWEETY MYSTERIES (9295386) 4.05 SCOOBY DOO (8670434) 4.25 AN 1.30 REGIONAL NEWS and weather 1.45 12.35em LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT (6156125) Reed (697892) NUMBERTIME (57912008) 2.00 NOODY (18120989) 2.10 A WEEK TO REMEMBER (81401298) 2.15 WILD-4.00 FIFTEEN TO ONE (Teletext) (s) (540) 4.30 COUNTDOWN (Teletext) (s) (724) 5.00 RICKI LAKE (Teletext) (s) (2331811) 5.45 STEALING HOME AUDIENCE WITH SOOTY (1571415) 4.05 LATE AND LOUD (4287816) Third Rock From the Sun 1.40 NEIGHBOURS (Centax) (s) (44952453) 5.10A COUNTRY PRACTICE (Teletext) BBC2, 9.00pm (BO0004000) CENTRAL VISION (18118144) A quirkily enjoyable sit-com from the United States features lour aliens who travel to Earth in the cause of research, take on the 5.40 NEWS (Teletext) and weather (987873) 2.25 RACING FROM NEWBURY Live As HTV West except; 6.00 HONE AND AWAY (r) (Teletent) (s) coverage of the 2.40 introduced by Julian 12.55pm HOME ANO AWAY (3738163) Wilson (a) (1100279) (467095) appearance of an American family and attach themselves to a university in Ohio. The joke is that although they look like 1.25 CROSSWITS (82086273) 6.25 HTV NEWS (Teletext) (951811) 3.00 NEWS, REGIONAL NEWS and weather 7.00 EMMERDALE VN and Terry are 1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (44933328) (5026502) human beings, the language and behaviour of the human race is incomprehensible to 3.05 WESTMINSTER WITH NICK ROSS dangerously near to being caught 2.20 VANESSA (27340637) (Teletext) (s) (4811) (4370366) 2.50-3.20 HIGH ROAD (9434892) them. They assume that a young couple 8.00 THE BILL: Track Marks Carver 3.55 NEWS, REGIONAL NEWS and embracing in a car are "cleaning" each other. When the leader of the quarter (John Lithgow) gets slapped for kissing a woman, he assumes that all kisses should be followed 5.10-5.40 SHORTLANO STREET (8846908) disapproves of Boulton's nutriless handling of an informant (Teletead) (9278) weather (8986250) 10.40 LONDON BRIDGE (557250) 4.00 SNOOKER (8540) 11.10 REVELATIONS (117182) 6.00 STAR TREK: DEEP SPACE NINE 11.40 CRIME STORY (607095) by a slap and acts accordingly. Created and (411618) 12.45am PLANET ROCK PROFILES (73854) written by Bonnie and Terry Turner, best known for Wayne's World, the show bubbles 6.45 QUANTUM LEAP(636250) 1.15 FUNNY BUSINESS (70767) 7.30 FIRST SIGHT (647) in which Lithgow's main adversary is an anthropologist played by Jane Curtin. 1.45 NOT FADE AWAY (3554293) 8.00 THE WORKS (5453) 2.40 FLUX (5348564) 8.30 TOP GEAR (4960) 3.35 THE CRIME HOUR (6277670) 4.30 SOUNO BITES (15083477) Nature Special: 21st Century Fox Sam Fox, Dominik Diamond (6.00pm)

> 6.00 NEW GAMESMASTER Dominik Diamond presents the comprehensive guide to computer and arcade games

4.35 CENTRAL JOBFINDER '96 (9900390)

suddenly revealed that in the 1980s

she was "sent to teach etiquette to

some yuppies in Leeds". She was

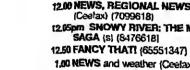
prompted to this bizarre recollec-

uon by the preparation of arti-chokes - a well-known culinary

trap for the upwardly mobile. Eat

them with your fingers, Clarissa

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- 200 GRAND PRIX SNOOKER and RACING FROM NEWBURY Coverage of the first quarter-final from Bournemouth and the 3.10 and 3.40 races from Newbury (s) (139453)
- 3.55 THE CHIPMUNKS (1) (8996637) 3.55 THE CHIPMUNKS (1) (5) (4305304) 4.20 JULIA JEKYIL AND HARRIET HYDE (8366279) 4.35 SMART (6331304) 6.00 NEWSROUND (2940927) S.10 BYKER GROVE (Ceelax) (6035231)

5.35 NEIGHBOURS (1) (Teletext) (461250) 6.00 NEWS and weather (279) 6.30 REGIONAL NEWS (231)

7.00 WATCHOOG (Ceefax) (s) (8163)

- 7.30 EASTENDERS Tillary makes Grant an offer he cannot retuse (Ceetax) (s) (415) 8.00 ANIMAL HOSPITAL A locum vet has to
- make time to tend to her own sick dog (s) (Ceefax) (7811)
- 8.30 THE HELLO GIFLS Chris and Sylva are nominated to take part in the contest for GPO Personality of the Year. With Dick's proposal hanging in the air, Chris is

9.00 THIRD ROCK FROM THE SUN (Ceefax) (s) (5298)



determined to prove she is more than just a pretty face. Last in series (Ceefax) (s)

9.00 NEWS and weather (Ceetax) (4328)

9.30 THE X FILES In the first of a two-part story, a mysterious videotape purportedly showing the autopsy of an alien leads Mulder to investigate sinister experiments carried out by the Japanese Government During the Investigation, Scully's partial memory of her abduction is jogged when sencounters a group of people who tell her she is one of them (231231)

10.15 THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER in the last of the comic sports quiz the regulars are icined by comedian Phill Jupitus and presenter Nick Owen (694415)

10.45 QUESTION TIME The guests are the novelist and screenwoter Frederic Raphael and MPs Ann Widdecombe, Ann Taylor and Nicholas Harvey. (Ceelax) (660618)

11.45 CLIVE ANDERSON ALL TALK (1) (Cee)ax) (198892)

12 20am SNOOKER: GRANO PRIX (5) (6454467) 1.20 WEATHER (2522309)

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Julian Petilier and fox (9.30pm)

9.30 NATURE SPECIAL: 21st Century Fox (Ceetax) (s)

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10.28 VIOEO SHORTS (497182) 10.30 NEWSNIGHT (542279) 11.15 LATE REVIEW (409250)

11.55 WEATHER (399144)

12.00 THE MIONIGHT HOUR (59670) 12.30am-6.00 LEARNING ZONE: OPEN UNIVERSITY: MUSICAL PRODIGIES?

SECRETS (2921941)

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debate about for-hunting, conservation or cruelty? In uving to reach a balanced appraisal Julian Pertiler goes back into history, establishing the fox as the oldest resident of the British Isles and trying to separate fact from myth. Contrary to the popular impression, the fox is not a big killer of lambs. If anything Pettifer leans towards the fox, accepting the need for control but urging that this should not involve killing. His contention that "for most of us who live in towns the fox is a welcome sight" will be contested by those have seen plants dug up, pet rabbits destroyed and been kept awake at night by the fox's horrible screech. 10 x 10: Talking Trees

In one view the fox is a pest which harries

and kills sheep, pigs, chickens, pheasants, grouse and seabirds. In another, it is a noble

BBC2, 10.15pm

BBC2, 9.30pm

The north of Ireland may be the feast wooded area in Europe but Lionel Mill has dis-covered enough trees there to make a film good enough to win a prize at the San Francisco Film Festival. Mill not only has an eye for the striking image, setting trees against landscape in unexpected ways, but offers a landscape with unexpected figures. A woman under a red umbrella enthuses over the peculiarly Irish fairy tree. Tom Pakenham of the Irish Tree Society tells us that he goes spotting trees as other people go spotting trains and a farmer reckons that the trees on his land are costing him £20,000 just to be there, that being the grant he could receive for cutting them down. We finally meet a woman who plants a tree for every occasion, from the death of a pet to her daughter's wedding. Peter Waymark

Lumsden, Staunton, Clyde (8.30pm)

8.30 IS IT LEGAL? Solicitors in Love Hapless solicitor, Colin gets himsel arrested. With Imelda Staunton, Richard Lumsdan and Jeremy Clycle (Teletext) (8786)

9.00 THIEF TAKERS: A Dead Man Drama series about the Met's special Armed Robbery Squad. A multi-million pound collection of rubies is stolen at an airport and then snatched by a second gang. Their leader is a criminal Charlie Scott thought was dead (Teleterd) (2845) 10,00 NEWS (Teletext) and weather (68279)

0.30 REGIONAL NEWS (750811) 10.40 THE WEST STORY Examining the hidden impact of a well publicis crash on the Mendios (Teletext) (557250) 11.10 THE WEST THIS WEEK Reports on

topical issues (117182) 11.40 SWIFT JUSTICE Drama series about a former New York detective who take on the people the law cannot touch (s) (875279)

12.35am SHORT STORY CINEMA (6156125) 1.05 WAR OF THE WORLDS (8) (6044381) 2.05 NOT FADE AWAY (5058106) 3.05 FLUX (s) (7918309) 4.00 LATE ANO LOUD (r) (s) (20699) 5.00 GARDEN CALENDAR (36816) 5.30 NEWS (54125)

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6.30 HOLLYOAKS (Teletend) (s) (569)

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS; Weather (422144) 7.50 THE SLOT (147845)

8.00 DOSH in the first of two reports on credit referencing, a solicitor describes how he was refused credit after he was reported to be heavily in debt Angus Loughran, alias Statto from *Fantasy Football* League, offers gambling advice as three learns speculate with £300 each (4/7) (Teletext) (s) (3331)

8.30 DESIRE Top catwalk names reveal their new designs (3/5) (Teletexd) (s) (63/28)

9.00 OISPATCHES An investigation into government policy on selling military equipment to Argentina (Teletext) (8637)

10.00 FILM: Web of Deception (1994) starting Powers Booth. A prominent forensic scientist is accused of murdering his lover. Directed by Richard Colla (Telefed) (8) (494279)

11.50 FOUR-MATIONS: Continental Passions (106811)

12.25am KIOS IN THE HALL (7364309) 12.55 FOUR-MATIONS: Shorts (1726835)

1.45 FILM: Dance Little Lady (1954) starring Mai Zetterling as a ballerina who discovers that her husband is having an attair with a fellow dancer After a tracic accident she is left to bring up their gifted daughter alone. Directed by Val Guest (Teletext) (639800)

3.20 FILM: Svengali (1955) Romantic drama staring Donald Wolfit and Hildegarde Neti. Directed by Noel Langley (Teletext) (7609380) Ends at 4.50

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7.00pm Star Trek. Deep Space Nine 149168117 8.00 Police Rescue (4890031) 9.00 Sing Sam 18026181 11.00 Late Show 11/258601 12:00 Film: A Walk with Love and Death. 15 (2642) 41 2.00em Hit Ma Long 71a, (39-9000)

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THE DISNEY CHANNEL

1.00 Home Improvement (8989) 7.30 FILM D2 The Mighty Ducks 19614(19.30 Home Improvement (58453) 10.00 Transfer to Sky

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Ultimate fan pays ultimate price Blue was his colour, football was his game

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

Chelsea tribute

Harding's loves

As the helicopter shattered

across the Cheshire country-

side, the thought came home

that among other investments

in Chelsea FC is Harding's

Obituary

WHAT is the legacy of Mat-thew Harding, killed in a helicopter crash on Tuesday night, to his beloved Chelsea FC? As the tributes around Stamford Bridge built up yes-terday — the blue irises, the blue scarves draped on the temporary fencing of the still developing home of Chelsea -Ken Bates, club chairman and, at times, Harding's adversary, tried to put a perspec-tive on football, on life and death, on the future.

"The North Stand will be renamed The Matthew Harding Stand," Bates said, Fair cnough. Without the £5 mil-lion loan that Harding, the ultimate fan. had given, the huge stand which seats 8.244 would not now be in place. But Bates went further. He

pledged the board's commitment to completing Harding's dream of making Chelsea a world-class team in a worldclass stadium. And Bates said: "His financial commitment to the club is in place, and it is not jeopardised."

Interesting. It may sound insensitive so soon after the tragedy, but we will have to of anyonc other than Jack Walker, at Blackburn Rovers, wait in see what is written in Harding's will to know if anything of the financial promises and arrangements Harding had set up are "jeopardised". What 42-year-old, and vice-chairman of a club in which he did not totally £16.5 million ownership of the very land on which the club share the vision of the chairman, would give open-ended stands - the land which Bates



for 13 years before Harding commitment to the tune of E26.5 million to his club? Indeed, what 42-year-old in arrived had fought so hard to keep out of the hands of property speculators. That £16.5 million land the prime of health will have written caveats on loans and pledges, not expecting the sudden end to his life?

holding, for which Harding received £1.5 million annual rent, is the key to Chelsea's future. It was held by the Royal Bank of Scotland, who Harding, who bubbled with life as everyone who came into contact with him has testified, have the deeds until 2012. By was a man with a particular football club the colour of blue then, Bates, too, will have gone in his soul. Moreover, from and, unless it is clearly written in Harding's legal documents, who can be certain that the his self-made fortune in the security of tenure at the Bridge

is forever Harding had promised to put the land in trust to the club, but when the emotion and all the sincere feelings down the Fulham Road subside, someone must ascertain whether that intention is jeopardised or not. These may sound cynical

questions and may appear to come too soon into the period of shock and mourning. However, the full legacy of this remarkable fan cannot be evaluated until his business partners and his family have insurance business, he had the means to play Walter Mitty to had a decent time to assess his degrees almost beyond belief

pledges and heart's desire. Meanwhile, what tributes! Outside the gates, one floral offering read: "A friend of the ordinary fan - you did the club proud. Chelsea would not club proud. Chelsea would not be the same without you." A man with a child, perhaps as young as eight, the age at which Harding was first taken to the old North Stand by his father, stood and stared. "It wasn't just his pocket," the man said, "he was a Chelsea fan at beart "

Union Clubs (Epruc) repre-sentatives, with whom it has fan at heart." Janet Rainbow knew this all along. Her job was to run the Chelsea Pitch Owners' Club,

to which Harding subscribed make up Epruc. as a shareholder. And it was she who prompted Bates to telephone Harding with the

fallen out once more, it hopes that its "fair and liberal" proposals will appeal to the majority of the 24 clubs that The clubs' first response will come at a special general committee meeting in London tomorrow, which was initially

oon could be the way forward after seven weary months of dispute.

of us know what our differ-ences are and I don't think a rights of approval over competitive structures and broadcasting rights.

The union's proposal is for a new company to be formed for the management of senior

He believes that the RFU draft agreement, in any case, goes beyond what many members solution is that no clubs break away," Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, said. "There are consider advisable. conflicts between different

Beal, left, is pursued by Catt during England's training session at Henley yesterday. Photograph: David Rogers/Allsport

RFU rules out arbitration with clubs

However, Levenson, a member of the Eprue negotial-ing team, claimed that the clubs, those that are owned and those that are not. We have gone straight to the clubs union's attitude had hardened and we hope that, properly explained, our agreement will be seen as fair and generous." in the days between their meetings this month. His organisation will state its case today, but the options availdiate threat to England's playing plans at senior level. able now to Epruc are stark: Training at a sunlit Henley

terday, and though the RFU Goulding's task cumstances would it call off an

either it can accept the RFU proposal, or it can pursue its

their clubs but they also want to play for England. There are no circumstances in which I would not play for England and I don't think players should be used as pawns. No one has the right to ask a player not to play for his country and it would be a public relations disaster anyway.

Carling and Phil de Glanville, of Bath, who has represented the players' inter-

with Richardson, and national

squad members have been

"The players would very much like to know who the new captain is, and he needs the chance to imprint his personality." Carling said. "Players want tu support

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BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT THE Rugby Football Union (RFU) has laid out its plans for the administration of the pro-That proposal was firmly rejected by John Richardson, the RFU president. "We each fessional game before those clubs that will be most affected. Going over the heads of the English Professional Rugby

but that the RFU had to retain

referee would necessarily help," he said. Richardson insisted at Twickenham that his union had not reneged on a draft agreement reached with the clubs earlier this month,

international, even if it had to go outside the present squad claims over restraint of trade in the courts and break away club rugby, comprising two RFU representatives and six from the clubs, one of whom from the union. It is clearly the hope of the would be chairman. But we RFU that many clubs - essentially those which have no England captain, asserted cannot just leave the clubs to get on with their competitions private investor supporting in the continued absence of a successor - his view that and find they cut across our them - will accept the union's structured season or sponsorproposal and thus create a ship deals," Richardson said. split in Epruc ranks. The best being harmed by the dispute.

Harford said recently that

he felt results were going too

strongly against him, and even offered to resign. "If that is what Jack Walker considers

is the best course, then I will

be happy to talk to him," he said. But Walker has not

talked to his manager for

more than two weeks. It is a

tactic he adopted when Dalglish wanted to step back

from the limelight, but retain

an influence, and again when

the whole world, except Walk-

er and Coar, seemed to know

The problem, however, will

not go away, even though Harford is to be left in charge

for the visit to West Ham

United this weekend. That will

buy a little time, but the

manager is almost certain to

be relieved of his burden soon

after that FA Carling Premier-

acted with such a lack of

conviction is unclear, but is

probably has something to do

with the lack of a suitable

made overtures to Terry

Venables, the former England

manager, but the farce yester-day suggests that so far he has

Blackburn will be hoping

persuaded to make the move

North by next week. If not,

then the Howards - Kendall

and Wilkinson - will come

proved unresponsive.

It is known that Walker has

Quite why the board have

ship fixture.

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that Shearer would leave.

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Harding: bubbled with life

even more money than I've got. We'd better talk."

Many people in the three years since that October day came to take sides, and began to call Harding rather than Bates the saviour of the Bridge. They were a fractious pairing, not least when Bates closed the directors' box to at boardroom level that borders on the incompetent. Quite what the former Harding a year ago. The nub of their differences

Prime Minister, not known for was that Bates saw the future her equivocation, would make built around Chelsea Village, of the situation at Blackburn securing the club together with a hotel and leisure comis unclear, but no doubt she would not be too impressed. plex. Harding, on a mission that began in the North Stand The word crisis is used too frequently when addressing problems at football clubs, but

- The Matthew Harding Stand - 34 years ago, wanted it is fair to say that the farcical simply, and at whatever cost, scenario that unfolded yesterto rebuild the club in its own day qualified for such a deenvironment and entity. scription. Ray Harford, the manager, was left sitting by a telephone, waiting for word A master businessman, he

reasoned that football was a that he would be put out of his wonderful investment only so long as its total priority was misery. It never came. the team and the stadium. He Harford has had enough at lived for those two things, he Blackburn. He has made it

baited the bear of the Bridge, and he sat quite comfortably, clear that he took the manager's job with huge reservations sometimes a little mischiewhen he succeeded Kenny Dalglish 15 months ago. Back vously. in the company of the Prime Minister while promisthen, he predicted problems in trying to follow Dalglish. ing £1 million to the funds of the Labour Party. Things have, as he feared, not But, above and beyond the worked out, and he wants to

wranglings. what Harding was paying for was to restore leave, should the terms be favourable. the swagger and the class of Harford has had his fill of the Chelsea team which, 25 taking the blame for the years ago, had beaten Real problems that have beset Madrid to win the European Ewood Park. He knows that Cup Winners' Cup in Athens. the supporters will never turn on Jack Walker, the club's Peter Osgood, the centre forward of that team, said wealthy owner. nor. by proxy. yesterday: "He was a wonderlus board. So it is the manager ful man, buoyant, flashy if you who must shoulder all the like, but he was bringing back blame, and he no longer wants the period of the 1970s. I've to put his family through that only known Matthew four ordeal.

years, but I feel I've known him all my life." He is also weary of trying to repair the damage caused by

to accept the inevitable BY DAVID MADDOCK the loss of Alan Shearer, the BARONESS THATCHER of Kesteven is the honorary viceinspirational forward sold to president of Blackburn Rov-Newcastle United for £15 milers. It would be opportune if lion shortly before the season started. Harford has tried to the Iron Lady were to take a more active role in club afsign the quality replacement fairs, as Ewood Park is he believes will alter his team's suffering from an indecision fortunes, but has been ham-

Isolated Harford ready

pered by a lack of financial commitment from his own board. Thus he is ready to call it a day, a conviction made stronger by the demoralising home defeat at the hands of lowly Stockport County in the third round of the Coca-Cola Cup. . The problem, however, is that he has had no communication with Walker or Robert Coar. the club chairman, and he does not want to quit for

obvious financial and emotional reasons. They have offered not the merest suggestion of support, or even a lack of it, and Harford believes he has been left to take the flak while they vacillatc. Even yesterday there was no discussion of the crisis, with Coar going to great lengths to avoid contact with

the media on the subject.

Harford: reservations

tor selection purposes, Eprud officials concede that the withdrawal of their players would do their cause no good. Will Carling, the former

There is, however, no imme-

went ahead as scheduled yes

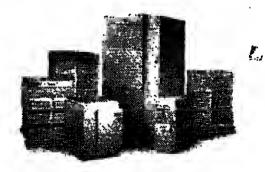
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given copies of the RIC, proposals. Both players may have reflected as they passed the village of Crazics Hill on leaving Henley that such a England's prospects were location is apt for English rugby just now.

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under consideration. A far more likely alternative. though, is to cast the net beyond British shores. The names Cruyff and Beckenbauer would be hugely attractive, and Walker has the money to tempt them.

that Venables can somehow be